



MUSEUM AND THEATRE SHINE

BY CARL JACKSON

CANNOCK'S museum and theatre have smashed attendance expectations with both achieving 'record' visitor numbers for the last year.

Both venues enjoyed a 16 per cent increase in 2016-17 compared with the previous year, with the museum in particular enjoying something of a turnaround in fortunes after ailing attendances in the past.

The Prince of Wales enjoyed a total of 64,121 visits in the 12-month period, far surpassing the target of 47,874.

Particular successes included Sir Ken Dodd's appearance, the Magic of Motown and Talon.

And the production of Hound of the Baskervilles surpassed all previous audience figures for a drama show at the theatre.

The Museum of Cannock Chase saw 38,172 people through the doors, comfortably more than the 33,645 targeted.

February was said to be 'resoundingly successful' with popular half-term events, including the Pokemon Hunt and Dino Days, while the VE Day anniversary commemorations brought in more than 1,300 people alone.

Visits

Only two years ago the museum saw a drop in visitors despite the introduction of a new £100,000 exhibition dedicated to the town's miners.

Increases this year have partly been down to a revised schools' programme.

It resulted in junior visits going up to 16,624 from 14,267 the previous year.

Cannock Chase Council's deputy leader Councillor Gordon Alcott was particularly proud of the museum's recent success, having played a key role in its opening originally as a dedicated site recognising the district's mining heritage.

He said: "There is quite a lot of history up there.

"It was originally there to promote the mining history, because obviously we had something like 17 pits in the Cannock Chase area.

"It also tells the story about the Chase's contribution to the two World Wars," Councillor Alcott added.

"They have branched out and done different things over the years, and they are also getting the children up there now, which is important."

Commenting on the theatre's figures, he added: "They are getting popular up-to-date shows there, and the price is right, which is what people want."

Both venues are run by Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles – formerly Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust – on behalf of the council.

RACE ACE MATT ON ROAD TO SPEEDY RECOVERY



Matt Wigley remains upbeat as he receives a visit in hospital from family and friends after his crash

HEDNESFORD race ace Matt Wigley expects to be back on his bike before the end of the season despite breaking his back in a 100mph crash.

The 21-year-old fractured two vertebrae during the qualifying session for round four of the National Superstock 1000 Championships at Knockhill on Saturday. Wigley was taken by ambulance from the circuit to the Victoria Hospital in nearby Kirkcaldy.

Now resting back at home in Staffordshire, his focus has already switched to getting back on the bike as soon as he possibly can. "The

doctors have told me it will be between an eight to 12-week recovery time but I hope to be back quicker than that," he said.

"I am going to see a specialist next Monday and we will see what they say. There is no magic cure for backs, I have just been told to take it easy and rest until we see what we can do. At the moment my physiotherapy is getting out of the chair and sitting back down. "They have given me some strong painkillers. I am just going to have to be patient."

Wigley, who has stepped up from the 600 Superstock class, had been getting to grips

with the Scottish track when he lost control of his Sorrymate.com Kawasaki on the final bend. "It was the first time we had been on the track with the 1000 bike and I had been struggling a little with the set-up," he said.

The incident capped off an incident-packed weekend for the Wigley family, with Matt's twin brother Kurt experiencing some painful struggles of his own in the British Supersport series. Two crashes left him playing catch-up but to his credit he was able to fight back to claim a 13th-placed race finish and three championship points.

CHASEWATER

Fresh warning as algae back on lake

DANGEROUS blue-green algae has appeared at Chasewater, with people told to stay away from the water.

Visitors are being advised not to take a dip or let their pets go in the water as a purely precautionary measure after a small amount of suspected blue-green algae blooms have again appeared on the lake.

Chasewater rangers will continually be monitoring the situation, and warning signs will be taken down at the site once the all-clear is given. Ecologists are asking people to follow advice on the posters at the site while testing continues.

BUSINESS

News of jobs is fantastic – MP

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling has hailed the announcement of new jobs as 'fantastic'.

The final plot at Cannock's Kingswood Lakeside business park has been sold by Staffordshire County Council, with 130 jobs expected.

Ms Milling said the success of the business park showed the district is 'firmly open for business'. She said: "The next stages of development will create hundreds of new jobs for local people which is fantastic news."

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VIOLENCE

Man knocked out in early-hours assault

POLICE are appealing for information after a man was assaulted and kicked until he was unconscious.

During the assault, carried out by two men, the victim suffered head injuries.

The two offenders are described as white, one of whom is said to be in his mid to late 30s, 5ft 8in to 5ft 9in, and wearing a white polo shirt and blue jeans.

The incident happened at 3.40am on June 3 in Church Street, Cannock, on the ramp to the back of the Prince of Wales Theatre. Witnesses are urged to call Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting incident number 134 of 3 June.

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Fun event to mark Armed Forces Day



A fun-filled day in store

THE Cannock Chase district will celebrate Armed Forces Day with a free community fun event this weekend. Armed Forces Day is an opportunity for the nation to show their support and appreciation for the contributions made by those who serve, or have served in the Armed Forces. The fun day will be held on Saturday between midday and 4pm in Cannock Park.

It is being hosted by the Staffordshire Regimental Association in partnership with the district council and Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles. The local Armed Forces community will also be

supporting the event by providing military stands and activities. The day will include a jam-packed programme of live entertainment and will end with a rendition of The Last Post.

Refreshments and catering will be available on site. Car parking will be available at Chase Leisure Centre.

Councillor George Adamson, leader of the council, said: "It is important that we continue to show our appreciation for the contributions made by our Armed Forces. I hope everyone comes along and shows their support".

Trevor Evans, parade marshal for

the Staffordshire Regimental Association, said: "This is the first time we have joined with other communities in celebrating Armed Forces Day. I hope you will join us at Cannock Park."

For more information, contact Kate McBey on 07971 667218 or 01543 464270 or visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/armedforcesday

● Cannock Chase Council's cabinet has approved free leisure concessions for serving members of the Armed Forces resident in the district for a further 12 months. The concession scheme was first introduced in June 2012.

Another top executive resigns from HS2

A TOP-LEVEL executive at HS2 has quit her role, months before work starts on delivering the £55 million project.

Commercial director Beth West has announced that she will be leaving HS2 this autumn after four-and-a-half years in the role. She is set to join land developer Landsec as its head of development for its London portfolio.

While the search begins for Ms West's full-time replacement, HS2's chief finance officer Steve Allen will assume her responsibilities as interim commercial director.

The move follows Simon Kirby's resignation as chief executive of the company last September to join Rolls-Royce. In January, Mark Thurston, European managing director for the global engineering company CH2M, was appointed as chief executive.

In an email to HS2 staff, Ms West said she had the 'greatest confidence' that the project would be successfully delivered due to the enthusiasm for HS2 that had been shown by the 5,000-plus businesses who had already been engaged throughout the supply chain.

"When I joined HS2 Ltd in 2012, the scale of what we were trying to achieve seemed daunting," the email from West read. "No UK infrastructure programme had ever been this big and none had the geographical reach."



Beth West

Athletes turn up the heat for Ironman 70.3



The athletes look determined as they make their way in the cycling



Crowds gathered to greet the competitors at the finish line



Men's race winner Giulio Molinari celebrates



Armed police were on hand to protect everyone



Lucy Gossage takes first place in the women's race

IT was a scorching send-off as hundreds of athletes tackled this year's Staffordshire Ironman.

Nearly 2,000 athletes took part in the gruelling endurance test despite the searing heat on Sunday, which reached temperatures of 29C (84F).

It was the last time the event will be based at the Shugborough Estate. Setting off at 7am from Chasewater, those taking part had to complete a 1.2-mile swim in the reservoir

before tackling a 56-mile bike ride through Cannock Chase and up to Shugborough, where the athletes had to complete a 13.1-mile run around the historic estate before crossing the finish line right outside the hall.

The likes of chef Gordon Ramsay and TV presenter Kirsty Gallacher have taken part in the event in recent years but there were no celebrity entrants this time around.

Instead the limelight fell on Giulio Molinari who romped home to great cheers in 4:01:10 to win Staffordshire

Ironman 70.3 2017. The Italian, who was nearly two minutes quicker than his nearest rival, was all smiles as he crossed the finish line.

He said: "Staffordshire is a beautiful place. It was my first time in the UK and I think it is one of the best places to have the sport."

France's Romain Guillaume claimed second place.

Perhaps the star of the show, however, was third-placed Elliot Smales, from Leeds, who was competing in his first ever Ironman race. The 22-year-

old student, who has just graduated with a degree in sport and exercise science from Leeds university, said: "My student life is very different to most!"

The women's race was won by Lucy Gossage for the third year running. She also broke the course record, previously held by her, by three minutes with her time of 4:28:09.

She fended off Nikki Bartlett, who came second with a time of 4:33:12, and Kimberley Morrison, who came third in 4:40:14.

Plea on abuse of the elderly

STAFFORDSHIRE Police are reminding people to look out for signs of abuse of the elderly, particularly financial exploitation.

The force says this type of abuse is a serious problem that often goes unreported, partly due to shame and embarrassment on the part of the victims or their inability to report it because of cognitive and other impairments.

Financial exploitation often encompasses theft, fraud, internet scamming, coercion in relation to an adult's financial affairs or arrangements, or the misuse or misappropriation of property, possessions or benefits.

Supt Jav Omer, head of safeguarding, said: "Everyone has the right to dignity and respect so they can live their lives feeling safe and free from abuse."

Group will get in tune with speaker

CHESLYN Hay & District Local History Society's next speaker will be Michael Guest on the subject of 'Sweet sinning in the choir'.

He will address the meeting on Thursday, June 29, at 7.30pm at the Salem, High Street, Cheslyn Hay.

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Volunteers coax rare plant back to common

THE extremely rare round-leaved sundew plant has been spotted blooming at a nature reserve thanks to the efforts of a volunteer group managed by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

Thanks to the trust's Gentleshaw Common work party, who have been working in the valley mire, cutting back the invasive purple moor grass, sundew has been seen making a recovery at the site.

If left to its own devices, purple moor grass would gradually choke the mire, forming big tussocks, taking light and space from other species.

The strange and beautiful carnivorous sundew needs open, wet peaty conditions to thrive. On each leaf, hair-like tendrils tipped with glistening droplets attract passing insects.

But this 'dew' is very sticky and when the sundew's tendrils detect the presence of prey, it curls them inwards, trapping the insect before slowly digesting it.

Gentleshaw Common is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) because of its rare heathland plants.

Southern heathlands warden, Hayley Dorrington, said: "Our volunteers worked really hard to get areas cut by hand so it is a delight to see that all their hard work is starting to pay off."

The charity signed a 99-year lease with Lichfield District Council to manage Gentleshaw Common SSSI in January 2016.

To join the fortnightly work parties, email Hayley at gentleshawcommon@staffs-wildlife.org.uk

Roadworks are completed early

WORK on the A449 has been completed ahead of schedule.

The scheme, between the A449/A5 Gailey roundabout and M54 junction two, involved resurfacing sections of the road and paths, as well as installing new safety barriers and kerbs, and putting in better drainage.

The new road and pavement surface will improve safety and comfort for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians for years to come.

The path has been widened in places, with the kerbs raised to improve safety. The drainage work will also reduce any possibility of flooding.

The scheme began in January and was due to finish by the end of the month. It was completed a fortnight ago.

Pupils enjoy 'fit for life' session

YEAR 6 pupils from Redhill Primary School in Chadsmoor took part in a 'fit for life' morning organised by Progressive Sports.

As well as fitness activities, they were also taught about healthy diets.

Suzi is riding the High Green Court life



Suzi Wood – 'supporting local businesses'

ONE lucky shopper is celebrating after winning free parking in Cannock for six months.

Suzi Wood, aged 24, from Huntingdon, scooped the prize in an online competition organised by High Green Court.

The centre in Newhall Street offers a variety of shops, offices and bars and restaurants, along with secure parking for up to 80 cars.

Suzi said: "I'm thrilled to have won the competition as I use the centre a lot."

"Winning the competition means

that I won't have worry about finding change for every visit."

"I believe that along with High Green Court, the hidden gems of Cannock are the library and Caffè del Nino, because you can grab a book and spend a relaxed hour drinking coffee, eating cake and having a good read."

"I use it on a fairly regular basis because it has such a great atmosphere and it's great to know I'm actively supporting local businesses."

Neil Edginton, of High Green

Court, said: "We are pleased to hear that Suzi is a firm fan of the centre and is enjoying her free use of our secure 24/7 car park."

"There's so much to come and enjoy here throughout the day and evening, with a mixture of high street and specialist shops, offices, bars and restaurants," Mr Edginton added.

For further information about High Green Court, including the shops and car parking, visit the centre's website at www.highgreencourt.co.uk

Mill Green set for second wave of shops by 2021

MILL Green could see the arrival of its second phase of shops as early as 2021 with bosses 'surprised' at how eager big name brands are to come to the £115 million designer outlet village.

Owners of the site have nearly completed a contract to secure the operator of the scheme who will oversee the day to day management once it is up and running.

Phase 1 of the development for 80 shops, which has full planning permission, is on track for the first retailers to be open as early as summer 2019 or at the latest autumn of that year.

But now chiefs are optimistic that the second phase – for a further 80 units and additional car parking – could be delivered around 18 months afterwards, following the initial enthusiasm from 'key brands' which are set to be the anchor stores of the complex, although that will be subject to more detailed plans being approved by Cannock Chase Council.

Speaking at the authority's cabinet meeting on Thursday, Michael Tichford, head of economic development at the council, said a Chamber of Commerce event earlier in the week showed encouraging signs for Mill Green.

Progress

He said: "It was well attended and looked at how it will impact the area. The applicant confirmed they are in the advanced stages of agreeing the contract for the operator."

"It is still set to open during the summer, or at the latest the autumn, of 2019. In total, there will be 130 units. But because there has been good progress with the lettings of phase 1, phase 2 could open as early as 2021."

"They are very pleased and surprised at how well the lettings have been progressing."

"The applicants have been involved in a whole range of these developments, and they saying it is going better than it has in other schemes. Certain brands appear willing to come into Mill Green already. Usually they wait for it to be built and see how it goes but a number of key brands, which have been earmarked as anchor stores, have already indicated they wish to be participating from the offset."

Last month the Chronicle reported that developers U+I had sold Mill Green in a £20million deal. It was understood McArthur Glen was looking to work with Aviva and the Black Country-based Richardson family, with plans to plough in £120m worth of investment.



Burntwood mother Corrine Slatter thanks her children Baylie Mullins and Taylor Mullins for helping her when she had an epileptic fit

Epileptic mother saved by children

TWO young brothers and their sister saved their mother's life when they called 999 for help as she had an epileptic fit.

Taylor Mullins, five, and Tommy Slatter, two, found their mother Corrine Slatter, 26, unconscious on the floor of their Burntwood home and went to get their seven-year-old sister Baylie, who was having a shower.

Baylie calmly phoned 999 and answered the operator's questions before calling some of her mother's friends to get someone to come round and look after her and her younger brothers.

Ms Slatter, a full-time mum, has been having epileptic fits since she became pregnant with Taylor. She said: "I am so proud of them. I was an emotional wreck when I came round and realised what they had done."

Baylie and Taylor, who attend Highfields Primary School in Burntwood, have been given special certificates for their bravery.

The school's headteacher Mark Wilkes said: "Both children showed remarkable maturity and calmness in what was quite a stressful situation."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Salons team climb to £1k for charity

AN 11-strong team from a hairdressers completed The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge in aid of charity.

The team from Boyds Hair Design, which has salons in Market Street, Hednesford, and Cannock Road, Chase Terrace, raised more than £1,100 for Diabetes UK.

They conquered Pen-y-Ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough – a distance of 24½ miles – in just over 12 hours.

Anyone who would like to make a donation should go to the team's Just Giving page.

Hospital arson probe on death

THE death of an elderly woman could have been the result of a suspected arson attack at a hospital.

Firefighters tackled the blaze at the Royal Stoke University Hospital on June 7. Now, Staffordshire Police have confirmed that the death of an 89-year-old woman may have been as a result of the fire and evacuation.

Det Insp Daniel Ison said: "We are now waiting for a pathologist to confirm the cause of death."

Thomas Ashcroft, of Sheffield, is charged with two counts of arson with intent to endanger life.

Police may return to governing body

A GOVERNING body could be re-introduced to oversee Staffordshire Police as part of its proposed merger with the fire service.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service is governed by 21 councillors, but now Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis wants to bring the body 'alongside' the governance of policing.

Police forces had been run similarly until 2013. People have been asked to email FirePolconsult@staffordshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk to submit their views.

Smoke grenades let off as pupils mark last day

SMOKE grenades were let off at a Hednesford school as some of the pupils celebrated their last day.

Staffordshire Police say two smoke grenades were set off on the premises of Kingsmead School. The grenades were let off by a group of around eight to nine people. No-one was injured.

Police spokesman Mike Lowe said: "No damage has been caused."

The school was contacted for a comment on the incident but did not return the Chronicle's call.

Ramblers' next outing

CHASE Ramblers are going on a nine-mile moderate/strenuous walk from Ilam, Derbyshire, on Sunday. The meeting point as usual is Hednesford railway station car park, in Angley Street for a 9am prompt departure. For details contact Barry on 01543 684254. New walkers welcome.

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COUNTY NEWS

Zero hours staff figure on the up

THE number of zero hour and agency contracted workers has more than doubled in West Midlands since 2011 to 168,000, new research from GMB union reveals.

The findings come as the union reveals that up to a third of the work force is in 'precarious employment'.

Joe Morgan, GMB Regional Secretary said: "Here on our own doorstep in the West Midlands we are witnessing an epidemic of precarious work. Hundreds of thousands go to work either not knowing their hours, if they'll be able to pay the bills, or what their long term prospects are."

Comedian Duncan chased back home

MIDLAND-BORN TV comic Duncan Norville, whose catchphrase is 'chase me', is the star of a charity evening to support the Stroke Association.

Duncan was told he would never walk or talk again after being paralysed down his left side following a massive stroke five years ago. Organiser Katherine Yates, from Brownhills, interviewed the comic on a radio show, and heard his 'remarkable story'.

A Variety Evening with Duncan Norville and Friends is at Solihull's Land Rover Sports on September 15. Tickets are on sale at £10 (in advance) and can be purchased at landroverse.co.uk.

Karate success for sixth form student

A STUDENT has taken gold in the British Karate Federation Home Nations. Lewis Bradbury, sixth form student at Q3 Academy in Great Barr, was awarded the medal in the Under 21 Male Kumite Category at the competition held on May 27 and 28.

He came up against some strong fighters, but defeated them all to take gold. Lewis is in the middle of his final A-Level exams and has got an unconditional offer to study psychology at Coventry University in September.

Dragonboats' den is Brindleyplace

BUSINESSES from across the West Midlands are getting ready to take to the canals to play a part in the biggest Brindleyplace Dragonboat Race to date.

Sponsored by Deutsche Bank and now in its 18th year, the annual fundraiser will be aiming to raise more than £100,000 in aid of Cure Leukaemia's £1 million Centre Appeal.

To find out more about this year's race visit www.brindleyplace.com.

Weston time for tea

AFTERNOON tea experiences are on offer at Weston Park this summer.

Three experiences will take place on August 8, 9 and 10 and be served in the Victorian Orangery. A Taste of Summer is £27.50 per person, or £33.50 per person with a glass of Prosecco and includes admission.

New police chief takes over the reins



Mr Morgan

THE new Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police has formally taken over the reins.

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan replaces Jane Sawyers, who had been in the role for two years.

He said: "I am delighted to join Staffordshire Police and look forward to working with colleagues and communities to keep Staffordshire safe. The threats facing

the country from terrorism and the changing nature of crime mean that in Staffordshire we need to be equipped to deal with these issues.

"I believe that local communities are the bedrock of policing and working with our partners locally I am confident we can meet these challenges.

"The continuing reductions in

budgets are an added factor. We will be embarking on a significant change programme to ensure that policing meets the current demands we face with the budget available."

Mr Morgan began his career in 1987 when he joined West Midlands Police.

In 2000 he was selected to attend the FBI National Academy at Quantico and on his return

was promoted to Detective Chief Inspector. In 2002 as a Superintendent, he was seconded to the Home Office, before a return to the West Midlands in 2003.

He has also worked in West Mercia and Warwickshire. He joins Staffordshire from Avon & Somerset where he has been Deputy Chief Constable since 2014.

● Making a difference – Page 7

Great and good are awarded in honours

Report by Simon Stone

UNSUNG heroes from across Staffordshire and the Black Country were among the great and the good recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Volunteers, business leaders, charity workers and police officers have all been honoured for their efforts in the latest list revealed at the weekend.

Community stalwart **Margaret Thompson** has been given an British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to the community in Shreshill.

Mrs Thompson, aged 76, said she was 'absolutely shocked and surprised' to win the award.

Her commendation says she 'spends most of her life contributing and fundraising for the local community of Shreshill and Little Saredon'.

Mrs Thompson was chairman of the Luncheon Club for over eight years and her fundraising has raised money for the village's church roof, and community-owned post office and general store, which is now considered a social lifeline for some of the villagers.

Important

She co-ordinates Shreshill's bi-annual village fete, and the vintage steam fair, and organised Queen's Jubilee and VE Day village celebrations, which all raised funds for the community.

Mrs Thompson added: "I've never thought I was doing anything special. "The community is really important to use and it's great to see people supporting community events.

"We couldn't possibly achieve what we've done without lots of people's support."

Artist **Idris Khan** has been awarded an OBE for his services to art. Mr Khan, from Walsall, did his foundation degree at Walsall College but left the borough at 19 and now lives and works in London.

Mr Khan attended Park Hall Primary School and Barr Beacon School before Walsall College. From there, he graduated from the University of Derby and completed a Master's de-



Walsall artist Idris Khan, gets an OBE



Martin and Barbara Hale, of Tipton

gree at the Royal College of Art in London in 2004. He was back in his hometown earlier this year when his exhibition, A World Within, was on display at the New Art Gallery. His father and brother still live in Walsall, while his sister lives in Birmingham.

Jane Sawyers, who last week retired as Chief Constable of Staffordshire, has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal for distinguished service after 33 years serving the county's communities.

There was a special birthday gift for **Jenny Jones**, the founder and manager of Inspired Foundations, who has been given an MBE for services



Stalwart Margaret Thompson



Chief Constable Jane Sawyers

to adoption. Jenny, from Dudley, was named in the honours list on the day she celebrated her 37th birthday. She said: "I think a huge part of me hasn't quite taken it all on board. It's very weird, but an amazing feeling."

Selfless Tipton couple **Martin and Barbara Hale** who have cared for more than 100 foster children over two decades were awarded MBEs.

The couple have cared for 126 children since signing up as foster parents back in 1996 and been praised for always 'going the extra mile' for the kids. Mrs Hale, 64, said they were 'overjoyed' to be recognised for their efforts. She said: "It's nice to think



Smethwick's Dame Julie Walters



Jenny Jones, who received an MBE

people have put us forward for this. Fostering is a hard job but it's lovely people think we've done a good job.

"It's been so rewarding, especially when the kids turn out well and then their children are brilliant as well."

Mr and Mrs Hale, who used to live in Dudley but now live in Tipton, have fostered 126 children on a mixture of short and long-term placements for Sandwell Council.

And in the world of entertainment, Smethwick-born actress **Julie Walters** was made a dame. The 67-year-old becomes a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to drama

'Know your escape plan' in tower block fires

FIRE chiefs in the Midlands have urged people living in high-rise flats to make sure they know what to do in the event of a fire following the devastating blaze in London.

West Midlands Fire Service said it was vital residents knew their 'escape plan' so they could get out as fast as possible.

Chief Fire Officer Phil Loach said firefighters train to be as prepared as possible for such large fires.

He said: "There are nearly 1,000 residential buildings in the West Midlands with four storeys or more, and more than half of them have at least eight storeys.

"It is vitally important that anyone who lives or works in a high-rise building makes sure they know their building's specific escape plan, which should be clearly and regularly communicated by the owner or landlord.

"Our firefighters train regularly to be able to respond to such calls within five minutes, then to put their training and skills into action as safely and as effectively as possible.

"We work closely with the landlords and owners of tower blocks throughout the West Midlands to help them do all they can to ensure the safety of people who live or work in them."

Hereford and Worcester Fire Service area commander Mark Preece said: "Working smoke alarms can provide the few vital extra seconds needed to escape in a fire, therefore it is so important that they are kept in working order and tested every week."

Rail group set up to secure funding

A GROUP has been set up to secure multi-million pound improvements to railway stations in Cannock Chase.

Cannock Chase Council bosses have pressed Network Rail to commit funds to extend the station platforms at Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley so they can accommodate longer trains.

The council has stated Cannock station in particular will need an upgrade to cater for the thousands of extra visitors when the Mill Green shopping village opens in 2019.

Now a Community Rail Partnership has been set up to keep the proposed project on track.

Michael Tichford, head of economic development at the council, said: "They will enhance the work we are doing in securing funding for improvement schemes."

Tips on avoiding shed and garage break-ins

STAFFORDSHIRE Police have issued advice to help prevent people being victims of shed and garage break-ins.

PCSO David Higgs said: "Fit good quality, substantial locks, fit window locks and protective grilles and do not store high-value items in your shed."

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Battle for 24-hour A&E 'must continue'

A STAFFORDSHIRE MP has called on residents to fight to get County Hospital's 24-hour A&E back.

On the back of holding his seat in the General Election, Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy reiterated that the hospital needs around-the-clock emergency care, which it has not had since it was reduced to 14 hours in 2011.

But he has come under fire from the Support Stafford Hospital (SSH) group which has argued that the site at Weston Road, Stafford, is more likely to lose its A&E than have it restored to 24 hours, stating that Mr Lefroy should 'just be honest' about the future of the site.

But the MP has hit back and defended his comments. He said: "I have always said Stafford needs a 24-hour A&E, and it is something I continue to believe we need to see. We have a 14-hour A&E which is meeting targets. But as the population grows in the town, it should be open 24 hours.

"I am not saying it is going to happen tomorrow but I will continue, as I have done since 2011, to make the case because it makes sense.

"I understand the trust may feel they don't have the staff or there is a problem with the finances.

"But the problem is, if you stop making the case, people will think it is fine and it will go away altogether."

In response to Mr Lefroy's comments, Julian Porter from the SSH group said: "There is no children's A&E at Stafford now and there will be no adult A&E. It will just be a hospital for elective surgery."

Chance to discover the help available

THE second Rugeley Community Helping Hands get-together of 2017 is being held today (Thursday).

The event is billed as an opportunity for the community to drop in and see the types of help and support available in the district.

Hosted by Rugeley Community Church, it will be raising funds for the Rugeley First Responders. First Responders are volunteers who give their time freely to help care for people and save lives in their community.

This will be achieved through a coffee and cake morning running alongside the get-together.

All are welcome to drop in. Both events start at 10.30am and are being held at Rugeley Community Centre in Burnthill Lane.

£200,000 revamp for park on way

A POPULAR park in Rugeley is to be spruced up to the tune of £200,000.

From autumn this year Ravenhill Park will get an upgraded play area, extended woodland walk, gym equipment and woodland craft space.

Receipt from 1767 to go under hammer



The receipt in the chest of drawers

IT might be commonplace to decline a receipt with the latest technology allowing us to pay by scanning our cards and phones at the checkout.

But spare a thought for handwritten paper receipts of the past found in a chest of drawers in The Vine Hotel in Stafford – dating to 1767.

It was discovered by Charles Hanson, who is manager of Hansons Auctioneers, and has been seen on BBC One's Bargain Hunt. Mr Hanson said: "On opening the drawer of an old walnut chest, which dated to the early 18th Century, under the lining at the

back we uncovered a receipt for a stay at The Vine Hotel in Stafford, dated January 23, 1767.

"It really is remarkable since the receipt, although badly worn, is still very clear – on the evening of January 23, two suppers were enjoyed for a shilling along with two breakfasts for eight old pence, ale was consumed at four shillings and tuppence, horses' hay at two shillings and eight old pence, corn at two shillings and eight old pence, and servants at a shilling.

"This overnight stay, which in modern days might be seen as bed and

breakfast including dinner, with fuel for the horses, came to a grand total of twelve shillings and tuppence."

The receipt, which is nearly 250 years old, is written on plain paper and folded up. It came 22 years before the French Revolution and was a full 60 years before Queen Victoria came to the throne.

The Vine Hotel in Salter Street is still standing, and is in fact the oldest pub in Stafford. This bill will be sold in the Fine Art and Antiques Auction from June 29 to July 1 with a guide price of £20 and £30.

Charity boss fined over racially abusing cabbie

THE deputy boss of a charity helping people getting into work has been fined more than £600 after racially abusing a taxi driver.

Susan Dimmock, deputy chief executive of Steps To Work, was found guilty of racially aggravated harassment after a trial.

The charity, which receives funding from the EU and the National Lottery, helps people in the Black Country and Staffordshire get in to work through training and advice.

Dimmock, aged 52, of Edmonton Close, Cannock, abused taxi driver Muddasar Ali, who drove her home on the night of October 31.

She denied racially aggravated harassment, but was found guilty by magistrates after a one-day trial.

She was fined £625 and told to pay a victim surcharge of £30 and court costs of £362.

Andrew Dimmock was also found guilty of two charges in relation to the same incident.

The 50-year-old, of the same address, was in the taxi. Following a conversation between the couple and Mr Ali, it was alleged he grabbed the driver's radio equipment, breaking his Bluetooth device.

It was said he also ripped the driver's display licence. He was convicted of assault and criminal damage by magistrates.

He was fined £173 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £30, £25 compensation and £362 court costs.

Steps To Work was set up in 1999. According to its latest report to the Charity Commission for the financial year ending 2016, spending was £13.6 million.

The charity claims to have helped 34,000 people into employment since its founding.

Chief executive James Walsh said: "As the chief executive officer of Steps To Work, I can assure you that we are conducting an internal investigation into this matter."

The charity's main office is in Hatherton Road, Walsall. It also has bases in Wednesbury and Bloxwich. It works alongside many well known organisations.

The Dimmocks were unavailable for comment.

Residents' group marks 50 years



Landywood Estate Residents Welfare Association celebrates its 50th anniversary

A COMMUNITY group has celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Landywood Estate Residents Welfare Association (LERWA), based on the Landywood Estate in Cheslyn Hay, marked its milestone birthday with a party at Cheslyn Hay Working Men's Club.

A total of 120 people from the estate attended the sold-out event.

LEWRA, set up in 1967, helps residents on the estate fix problems as well as put on coach trips

and Christmas parties. Roy Smith, 78, from the estate, has run the group since 1995. He said: "We have close to 500 members and still produce a bi-monthly newsletter which my wife June does."

"We have three coach trips a year in spring, summer and autumn to the usual places like Southport."

"In the autumn we try and go somewhere like Chester so people can go shopping if the weather is

not great. We also have a Christmas party that we put on each year and Santa goes round delivering presents for the children."

"The main role of the association is to deal with any problems residents have. We can take these to the parish council and hopefully get them sorted."

Speaking about the 50th anniversary event, Mr Smith added: "We had the room at full capacity, more wanted to come."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Safety advice on doorstep callers

POLICE have moved to safeguard residents against the growing crime of distraction burglaries by issuing advice to people who find themselves dealing with doorstep callers.

Staffordshire Police have now put out a list of points to keep in mind when potential situations arise.

A spokesman for the force said: "Be aware of anyone who says they are in a hurry – if in doubt, call a neighbour or friend."

"Check to see who is at the door by using your door viewer, or looking through a front window."

'Be aware' plea on clues to diabetes

DOCTORS at Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have urged people to be aware of the symptoms of diabetes so they can access the support that is currently available.

Dr Mo Huda, a Rugeley GP and chair of the CCG, said: "Diabetes is a condition which can be controlled given the correct medication as well as leading a healthy lifestyle. We just need to educate people."

Anyone looking for more information can call the Diabetes UK helpline on 0345 123 2399 for help or advice or go to their website diabetes.org.uk

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Severn Trent gains apprentice awards

THE apprentice recruitment team at Severn Trent enjoyed a night of success at an awards ceremony.

The School Leavers Awards organised by AllAboutSchoolLeavers.co.uk celebrates the Top 100 employers on offer to young people. The team from Severn Trent won three awards.

Mark Smith, apprentice recruitment adviser, said: "We've managed to leap from 89th place to 13th in the top 100 employers for young people in just one year. We're really proud."

Tickets go on sale for The Snowman

TICKETS are on sale for a live music performance of 'The Snowman' which is heading to Lichfield Cathedral.

Parents keen to treat their children to one of the most magical Christmas shows around have been urged to now now to avoid disappointment.

The show visits Lichfield Cathedral on December 21 with three performances. This is the fifth annual tour by Carrot Productions. In December 2017 they will give a record breaking 46 performances at 15 venues.

Presentation evening

THE Rugeley Committee for Macmillan Cancer Support are holding a presentation evening today (Thursday) to thank all those who have helped with fundraising. Certificates will be presented at Mansfield House in Rugeley at 7.30pm. Email sheila. astrabs@yahoo.co.uk for details.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Fire horror shows best and worst of society

THERE are some things words alone can never convey. Even the harrowing pictures from the Grenfell Tower block fire do not really capture the enormity of what happened. One night people were going about their normal business, maybe preparing for work the following day. Then, little more than an hour later, they died the most awful of deaths.

An advert for a flat on the 18th floor was still on the internet last week, waxing lyrical about the block's recent refurbishment, and portraying it as a stylish, desirable place to live. It said the flat had now been let. I wonder what happened to the poor tenant.

We should remember that such disasters are few and far between, but that will not stop thousands of people who live in similar blocks across the country wondering how safe their homes are. And how many of us will be looking carefully at the fire exits when we take our holidays in multi-storey hotels this year?

The tragedy has also brought out both the best and the worst in humanity. One the one hand we have seen the heroism of the firefighters running into the building, knowing full well that their lives were at risk. And the community, which rallied round so quickly and so generously to help. Not forgetting England footballer Ryan Bertrand, who out of his own pocket has offered to help some of those displaced by the fire.

Then, on the other hand, there is the woman who decided to take a few selfies with the burning building in the background. Perhaps we should cut her a bit of slack, as she doesn't sound the sharpest tool in the box.

What is distasteful, though, is that while the fire crews were searching for bodies, the usual suspects found it impossible to resist scoring a few cheap points.

On the one side, there are the shrill voices scenting blood, seizing the chance to turn it into some sort of class war and pin blame on the beleaguered prime minister. People like spoiled little rich girl Lily Allen, who was making all sorts of outrageous claims while the fire was still burning.

Then, at the other end of the spectrum, there are the mean-spirited racists whose main concern appears to be the nationalities of the victims, and why they had been given council flats.

Certainly, the Grenfell fire raises many extremely uncomfortable questions, not least about the renovation works, the claims by residents about fire safety that were ignored, and why it was deemed more important to spend millions of pounds on cosmetic refurbishment than installing a sprinkler system. A lot of people will have a lot of difficult questions to answer.

But this probing needs to be handled with forensic detail, tact, sensitivity and impartiality.

Something tells me Lily Allen is probably not the best person to do that.

Voting's over, but not the fall-out as politicians wait



The game's afoot, Watson – as cobwebs unlock a mystery for Peter on holiday



Too soon? Jezza says he's ready for another election, good time to go on your hols...



Not soon enough – Boris's Prime Ministerial ambitions could be just what Labour needs

Could Bo-Jo hand Jez key to No 10?

BEER, Devon: At 10am yesterday it was too hot to sit on the beach here in Beer. Exactly one week ago, we had to light a coal fire to get our house warm. In weather terms, bizarre is becoming the new normal.

GREAT excitement at our holiday cottage, for we have become a crime scene. Just before we arrived at the cottage someone used a crowbar to break into the utility shed in the back yard. The security bloke from the rental company gave it a thorough going-over. He pointed out, detective-like, that the door lock was full of cobwebs, so obviously no key had been used, and the bolt was in the unlocked position. So we have a would-be burglar using a crowbar to force open a door which was already unlocked. Puzzling, eh?

IN truth, this crime is a mystery only because generations of cop dramas have led us to believe that criminals are brilliant strategists and crimes are complex and meticulously planned. What fiendish conspiracy is afoot here, Watson? The reality? It is that most burglars are not bright. They tend to be village idiots with a headful of dope and a bellyful of booze, too dim even to try the door before using the crowbar. Over to you, Sherlock.

WHEREVER you go in this varied and tribal United Kingdom of ours, some things remain constant. Like the eagerness of the authorities to develop their own variations on the English language. For instance, take this officialdom-cobblers from Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service describing a recent blaze: "Firefighters from Helston, Tolvaaddon and Mullion have been dealing with a fully-involved property fire. At the height of the incident it was sectorised into two sectors."

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The idyll is spoiled only by the constant whining of what sounds like a particularly annoying lawnmower suspended in the heavens. Turns out to be a microlight. One man's amusement is a thousand families' irritation.

AFTER the nightmarish fire in Kensington, the focus of most comment seems to be on how the fire spread up Grenfell Tower, with the new cladding allegedly acting like an external chimney and turning the building into something resembling a blast furnace. But there is another issue which must today be haunting anyone living in any sort of high-rise block, whether fitted with cladding or not. Assuming this fire began in one of the apartments, how could it possibly have escaped from what is essentially a sealed concrete box? The exterior finish of Grenfell Tower may be a key factor in this disaster but was there also an issue right at the heart of the building?

IN these days of computer-generated text and spell-checkers, a reader asks how can it be that a van dealer in Wolverhampton has paid for the following to be professionally painted on the rear of its vehicles: "Take advantage of our price guarantee."

JEREMY Corbyn insists he's ready to fight another election. He must be the only person in the UK who is.

AND before we start sharpening the pencils for the polling stations yet again, are we even convinced that Corbyn genuinely wants to be

prime minister? He has been the eternal urban revolutionary with a 40-year career of carping and criticising other people's policies from the safety of the backbenches. If he became PM, approaching his 70th year, he'd suddenly be responsible for all sorts of things. I bet he'd run a mile from a career change like that.

LABOUR'S best hope of taking power will come if the Tories are daft enough to elect Boris Johnson as their leader. Corbyn may have a few skeletons in his cupboard but Johnson's is one massive, heaving, bone-packed ossuary.

MEANWHILE, as Downing Street insists the DUP will not demand any special favours for supporting Theresa May's government with a wafer-thin majority, the Department of Transport unveils plans for B2BB, the £48 billion Belfast to Blackpool Bridge.

ACCORDING to something called the British Nutrition Foundation, children are hopelessly confused about where their food comes from. Nearly a third of kids aged between five and seven thought cheese came from a plant and some thought fish fingers were made of chicken. I'm not sure how much this matters. Until I was seven I believed cats were female dogs. Never did me any harm.

I WROTE some days ago about new research showing that being married is good for your health. Yesterday, on the cliff path from Beer to Branscombe, we met a man and his wife. He was wearing yellow shoes and white socks, as though he had a large egg on each foot. I thought spouses were supposed to stop that sort of thing.

TALKING POINT



Homing in on many of today's problems

IT'S always difficult, I suppose to create new buildings which bring with them longevity as far as their style is concerned.

We have all heard the raging arguments concerning the Birmingham Library, from a Spyro Gyro accident, to being 'a statement of both civic importance and friendliness'. Or how about the Selfridges store in Brum, Walsall's New Art Gallery, or Wolverhampton's spectacular Wishbone Bridge for the Metro, or the relatively new bus station?

All very worthy and notable out-there designs to create a reaction, good or bad, and everyone is entitled to have their say.

So what about closer to home – literally? New houses, or at least the concept of new houses, seems to derive from a hotch-potch of 1970s boxy minimalism and traditionalist red-brick yearnings for when houses were part of a proper community.

Having a gander around housing estates which seem to be cropping up all over the place, there seems to be no soul any more. Things just appear to be too clever, too sensible and too detached from people actually connecting.

Before the cul-de-sacs there were proper streets with front doors next to each other and people actually chatting to their neighbours.

It still goes on in some parts of our region, I know, amazing, actual conversation. Not being the most outgoing person in the world, it took me nearly 13 years to actually converse with my next-door neighbour in a previous abode. And this seems to be more and more the norm these days.

Meanwhile, everything now seems to be a statement. A statement of standing in society – the big 4x4 car on the drive; a statement of fashion and coolness – the new Minis which seem to be everywhere on our roads. And then comes the houses: steps for no apparent reason; three floors; garages which aren't actually big enough to fit any kind of four-wheeled vehicle inside; and gardens, which these days, if they are big enough to swing an actual cat around, boy, you know you've really made it!

It's no wonder we're a nation of ever-increasing stressed-out individuals, as we all practically live on top of each other, and despise each other into the bargain!

We hear all the older generation's tales of popping round each other's house for a cup of tea and never shutting the front door – well, those days seem long gone, which is a real shame.

So, perhaps it's time to go back to an era when there wasn't so much emphasis placed on square footage (estate agents please note), and as we enter a period of society's existence when there may be more time available for people to be at home, shouldn't that actually be somewhere we actually enjoy being – not only as individuals, but as communities again?

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33 years of making a difference for Jane



Jane Sawyers – 'it is time to move on'



Mrs Sawyers takes on the ice bucket challenge



Mrs Sawyers has been a role model for young women

IT has been more than 33 years since Jane Sawyers joined Staffordshire Police as a constable hoping to 'make a difference'.

But having risen through the ranks to become the force's top cop, she has retired.

Mrs Sawyers has been Chief Constable for two years, having served with the county force throughout her 33-year career. She says now is 'absolutely' the right time to go, having 'loved' every minute serving the communities across the county.

She was in an upbeat mood when discussing her retirement and gave no indication that she regretted the announcement she made on October 14 last year.

Mrs Sawyers said: "It is time to go, but I do not leave with any less passion or enthusiasm for policing than I had right at the very outset all those years ago."

"I am not saying that to sound corny, it is a great job and we do make a difference, and I take pleasure every

single day hearing about the things we have done well.

"It is the right time for the force to have somebody new and move on. Personally it is absolutely right for me, the timing fits perfectly for my husband and family."

"At the moment, my thoughts are a bit of sadness and a bit of 'what is to come?'. I am certainly not ready to do nothing but it is time to move on to something else."

Interesting

Her career began in 1984 when she was a teenager, and she has not looked back, serving in every available police officer rank. During her career she headed up the force's HR department, professional standards department and was the lead for policing in Stoke-on-Trent before becoming Chief Constable in June 2015.

Speaking about her drive to become a police officer all those years ago, Mrs Sawyers said: "I joined straight from school effectively, I was just a

teenager. At the time, quite simply I wanted to be a police officer. I had wanted to since I was 12 or 13 probably because – without wishing to sound corny – I wanted to do something interesting, different every day, helping people and making a difference."

"I would not hear of anything else. My parents at the time said you need to have alternatives if you do not get in and my response to that was 'if I do not get into Staffordshire I would go to Liverpool, if I do not get into Liverpool I will go to London' – I was going to be a police officer, that is all I wanted to do."

"Did I ever envisage being the Chief Constable? Not in a million years, and probably even five years ago I did not think so."

Mrs Sawyer's last day at police HQ in Stafford was Friday.

The new Chief Constable is Gareth Morgan from the Avon & Somerset Constabulary.

"Gareth has absolutely got my full support," Mrs Sawyers said.



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People were kind when fair came to town

We would like to thank the residents who live near the Green Lane playing fields, Rugeley, for their friendly and helpful attitude when our fun fair attended the Charter Fair.

Where will loyalty lie following selection?

THE Labour group on Burntwood Town Council are astounded and shocked that the controlling Conservative group have selected the very newly appointed Norma Bacon to be the leader of the council.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Arrogance is unmatched

A ROBOTIC-LIKE Mrs May chanted her parrot phrase 'strong and stable' but now offers weak and wobbly. She is now a laughing stock with those she seeks to adopt for a tough negotiating stance for Brexit.

Organise a garden gathering

AS a passionate gardener, I spend as much time in the fresh air as possible, and love to entertain outdoors in Ireland during the summer.

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IN response to Mr Allport's letter ("Success is really no secret, June15), his claim that the Tories' majority was reduced solely because the young, political class sections and majority of Labour do not accept Brexit, is simply not true.

Our spiky friend is facing another prickly situation

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Bakery pair give latest on project

Cannock Chase Ladies

AT the luncheon meeting at the Barns Restaurant, Cocksparrow Lane, chairman Sheila Yard welcomed everyone present.

Grace was said by Jean Hood and lunch served.

Minutes of the March meeting were read by Pat Preece on behalf of the absent Norma Hutchinson.

The chairman read out a letter from Clare Breeze requesting leave of absence in order to nurse her husband John, who is very poorly. Mrs Yard said she would be welcomed back whenever she was ready.

Social secretary Elizabeth said that bookings for some of the trips were going well.

In the absence of Pat Elwell, Eileen Cryer read out the list of birthdays for the month of June.

The next meeting will be the annual chairman's lunch at Brocton Hall Golf Club on June 29 at noon for 12.30, £20 for a three-course meal. The July speaker will be Peter Cadman.

Speakers for the afternoon were Eugene Schellenberg and his wife Margaret who talked about their Ifakara Bakery Project and Free Bread Funds in Tanzania. This was most interesting.

Diane Bennett gave the vote of thanks and presented Mr Schellenberg with a £40 donation. A little basket left on their display table also led to further donations. Mr Schellenberg was most appreciative and said he would inform Mrs Preece of the total amount donated. All monies would go straight to the charity.

Thoughts go out to terror attack victims



Col Chris Comport with president Val Jones

SI Cannock & District

CANNOCK Soroptimists were meeting on the evening of the dreadful terrorist attack in Manchester and their first thoughts were for the victims and their families. Members remembered them as the friendship candle was lit.

When Jill Gooch said Grace she said that this awful happening reminded everyone of how transient life is and that whilst remembering the people of Manchester in our prayers we should also reflect on our own lives and be grateful for our friends and family.

After the meal, president Val Jones introduced the first speaker of her year in office: Colonel Chris Comport, whose topic was The Army Benevolent Fund - the Soldiers Charity. The cause, which provides a lifetime of support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families when they are in need, has 14 locations within Britain with 85 staff and hundreds of volunteers.

When she gave the vote of thanks, Lynne Tuckley presented Chris with a small donation towards the work of the charity.

Looking back on 50s and 60s

THE guild welcomed Mac Joseph David for a humorous talk on 50s and 60s life called 'Do you remember?' It evoked many aspects of past life in the members' memories.

Ian Bott was June's speaker on Lost Mansion Houses. The luncheon club enjoyed a good social meal at the Spread Eagle followed by retail therapy at nearby Dobbies.

The June luncheon club will meet for afternoon tea at the Teapot in Cannock. Nine members celebrated with Cannock's Guild

Hednesford A TWG

for their 46th anniversary birthday meal at the Barns Hotel. The entertainment was provided by vocalist Kathy Christian.

Seven ladies enjoyed a five-day holiday at the Russell Hotel in Weymouth. Five members will attend the Federation AGM in Sheffield in June with Hednesford's Pat Stanley carrying the South Staffs banner.

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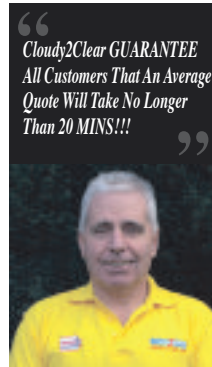
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Apprentices scheme is praised by watchdog

A STAFFORDSHIRE-BASED manufacturing supplier has been praised for its apprenticeship scheme.

Finning, based on the A5 Watling Street in Cannock, is the UK's sole supplier of Caterpillar products. Its apprentice scheme has been rated good by education watchdog Ofsted.

By Tom Oakley

The inspectorate said the programme's overall effectiveness was good in areas of leadership and management and quality of teaching and learning.

It was also praised for the personal development and welfare of students and the outcome of learners.

The Ofsted report read: "Apprentices benefit from well-coordinated practical and theory skills development in their off-the-job training blocks."

"They are well equipped to prepare for their blocks and subsequently apply their learning. Trainers support apprentices well to improve their English, mathematics and digital skills. This enables apprentices to complete complex technical reports for customers to the standards required by the company."

Apprentices' behaviour is exemplary. They attend well, take pride in their work and highly respect each other, their managers and tutors. As a result, apprentices are highly valued by the wider workforce."

Despite the positive feedback, Ofsted felt that staff do not make sufficient use of the information about the starting points of learners or from further assessments and that trainers at Finning's do not sufficiently challenge the most able apprentices to excel or undertake more complex work.

Finning's head of learning and development Jackie O'Brien said: "We have always taken pride in investing in our apprentices to help them become the engineers of tomorrow."

Wreaths are laid in tribute to war heroes



Lee Dent and Richard Pursehouse, of the Chase Project, laying wreaths at Messines

WREATHS were laid on behalf of Staffordshire and the Black Country in tribute to local men who lost their lives in the First World War.

Two of the soldiers – Thomas Jackson, who lived at Hednesford Road, Cannock, and Allan Green of Weeping Cross, Stafford – were killed in the Battle of Messines Ridge, a victorious week-long offensive in June 1917 which was commemorated in a ceremony in Belgium last week.

The battle holds a special significance for local people as the New Zealand Rifle Brigade, who spearheaded the assault, were trained on Cannock Chase.

A scale model of Messines Ridge and the nearby village, used as a training aid for troops, was found by members of the Chase Project in 2013. Founders Richard Pursehouse, 54, and Lee Dent, 51, attended the commemorative ceremony at the invitation of the New Zealand authorities.

Along with David Dunham and Shaun Caddick, fellow members of the Chase Project, they also followed the route of Lance Corporal Sam Frickleton of the NZRB's 3rd battalion who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his bravery.

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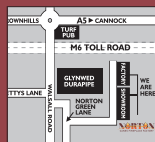
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Grisly trial to be replayed



Members of the Creative Arts Theatre rehearse The Trial of William Palmer

AN infamous murder trial will again be played out in the same court it took place at more than 150 years ago.

The Creative Arts Theatre group will showcase the trial of William Palmer, known as the Rugeley Poisoner, a doctor who was found guilty of murder in one of the most notorious cases of the 19th century.

Palmer was hanged outside Stafford Prison on June 14, 1856 for the murder of John Parsons Cook.

He was accused of poisoning Cook by strychnine. Pictured in the witness box during rehearsals is chamber maid Elizabeth Mills, played by Carina Price, who looked after Cook

as he lay dying in the Talbot Arms.

Palmer denied the crime but was found guilty at the Old Bailey in London and sentenced to hang in Stafford. Some 35,000 people turned out to watch and crammed into the streets of the town to witness the grisly spectacle.

It was alleged that Palmer had been responsible for as many as 15 murders, including those of his wife, four of his children, his brother and his mother in law.

The Trial of William Palmer was being performed in the No1 Crown Court at the Shire Hall Gallery yesterday (Wednesday), today and tomorrow. Call 01785 278345.

PEOPLE who regularly visit Cannock Chase are invited to get involved in deciding how best to look after its natural habitats.

Cannock Chase Country Park, Bevin's Birches and the adjoining land lie within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Special Area of Conservation.

They are used by visitors to walk dogs, ride bikes or horses and explore the wildlife. But, left alone, this unique landscape will become overgrown, affecting views, routes, wildlife and heritage.

A previous round of discussions with users last year supported current methods – including cutting heather and thinning trees, spraying and using controlled burning – but also suggested cattle grazing as an option. Now habitat experts have drawn up proposals explaining how grazing a herd of cattle could work and the benefits it would bring.

Shaped

Gill Heath, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for communities, said: "The Chase is a very special place for people, wildlife and heritage.

"For centuries it was shaped by local people grazing livestock, and this shaped the landscape we see today.

"Bringing grazing back could be a sustainable way to keep habitats in good condition, but we need to make sure that people can still enjoy the area."

Michael Copleston, regional development manager for RSPB, said: "The RSPB is delighted to be involved in helping to find the right mix of management support and conservation tools."

There is an online survey available at www.manag.ingcannockchase.co.uk until July 21 and there will be a drop-in event on Saturday, July 1, at the John Leary Classroom, near the Cannock Chase visitor centre and café, in Marquis Drive, between 11am and 5pm.



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Council under fire over unresolved suspension

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council has been branded 'incompetent', accused of a cover-up and compared to a sloth as the suspension of one its senior members of staff enters a sixth month.

Jamie Macdonald, the strategic head of property at the council, has been suspended since December on full pay - earning around £30,000 in the process. Staffordshire County Council has refused to comment on why he was suspended and when a resolution will be reached, only acknowledging that 'time is passing and everyone is keen to see a resolution'.

Now, a fed-up resident has sent a furious email to Philip Atkins, the recently re-elected Conservative leader of the council, demanding answers.

Richard Mott, from Stafford, has said he is 'disgusted' at the amount of time it is taking to resolve the issue, adding: "Why is my council tax part funding an extended vacation for this man?"

Incapable

He said in his letter: "Why is it taking so long for the investigation to be concluded? The council talks of the need for due process - fair enough - but, more than five months on, little zeal seems to have been applied to bringing this to an end.

"If the council is incapable of dealing with this issue then perhaps it should be referred to the police. Words like sloth, incompetence, dereliction of duty and cover-up spring to mind."

Staffordshire County Council refused to comment directly on the letter, referring the Chronicle only to a statement issued in May.

Ian Parry, Councillor Atkins's right-hand man and finance and corporate matters boss at the council, said: "We are conscious that time is passing and everyone is keen to see a resolution. However, proper processes must be followed in the interests of fairness." Mr MacDonald, who earns £72,297 a year, was suspended on December 29 on full pay pending an investigation

Band blows into park again



Great Wyrley Community Band performing at Walsall Arboretum

A COMMUNITY band returned to Walsall Arboretum on the back of a successful performance last year.

Great Wyrley Community Band, which has nearly 40 members and is in its 17th year, described the bandstand as one of the best to play at because its enclosed structure helps project a quality sound.

They played a two-hour set which featured numbers they were performing publicly for the first time.

Sara Venables, who plays the French horn in the band, said: "We seemed to be very well received by all that were there. We had a lot of people passing by who stopped to watch and listen. We had a new

repertoire so it was the first airing for a number of songs.

"The weather was in our favour as well compared to last year when it chucked down. Last year was the first time in a long time that we played at the arboretum which introduced us to bandstands."

The band is now back in rehearsals with performances lined up at the Great Wyrley Festival near The Star Inn on Saturday, before an appearance at Willenhall Memorial Park on Sunday, July 16.

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Gathering up the threads of festival



Getting the measure of the Sew Crafty Festival at the Museum of Cannock Chase is organiser Carol Moorcroft

A MUSEUM is gearing up for a sewing festival to coincide with ongoing exhibitions. The Museum of Cannock Chase will host the event on Saturday, July 1.

Anyone interested in fabric-related craftwork from embroidery to quilting has been invited to go along.

As well as stalls selling goods, there will also be a number of workshops for people to learn new techniques which they can book in advance or request on the day. The festival coincides with two exhibits currently on display at museum.

One is located in the cafe shop and features stitched postcards which have been produced by members of the public.

The main exhibition is 'Cannock Chase - In Stitch' by artist Jo Hill, which includes a variety of 3D and 2D creations which people will be able to see until August 13.

A museum spokeswoman said: "As well as coming to enjoy the actual festival, people will be able to book onto workshops to learn a new skill and make something which they can take home with them that day."

The event runs from 11am until 4.30pm on the day. Admission costs £3.

Visit www.museumofcannockchase.org or call the museum on 01543 877666 to pre-book a place.

M6 Toll's new owners 'confident' over profits

THE new owners of the M6 Toll say they can provide stable and secure returns.

The 27-mile motorway has been bought by Australian-based IFM Investors. The pension fund-owned investment manager has acquired a controlling majority stake in the outstanding commercial debt of the toll road, granting it effective control of it.

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By John Corser

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Van gutted in fire attack

A VAN was left gutted after a suspected arson attack in the early hours of the morning. The yellow van was believed to have been torched in Turnstone Road, Harden, Walsall, around 3.30am last Wednesday. West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS) received a 999 call about the fire at 3.26am and dispatched one crew from Bloxwich fire station, totalling five firefighters. Firefighters left the scene at 4.15am after the fire had been extinguished. A spokesman for WMFS described the fire as 'severe' and said it was 'believed to be arson'.

Tribute to 'beautiful friend' in cliff tragedy

TRIBUTES have been paid to a 21-year-old woman who died after falling from a cliff. A fundraising campaign has been set up for the parents of Sarah Brewster, of Penkridge.

The waitress is believed to have fallen 40ft at Blue Lake quarry in north Wales last month. She worked at Pillaton Tea Room in Penkridge, where staff posted a tribute on its Facebook page.



Sarah Brewster

It included pictures of the fun-loving former Wolgarston High School pupil. The message mentioned that Sarah was about to turn 22. It said: "We wanted to share some photos of our beautiful friend who will be partying somewhere on her birthday, we love and miss you Sarah so much you can't imagine xxx."

Stafford postal workers have set up campaign online to help support Sarah's parents which raised more than £2,000 in donations in just over a week.

Message

Jun Van De Mortel, who set it up, wrote on the go-fundme page: "Our friend Gary Brewster and his wife Rachel have lost their daughter Sarah, who was only 21 years old, in a tragic accident."

"We are a group of postmen and postwomen from the Stafford area who have known and worked with Gary for many years."

"Our goal is to raise funds in a short time to help with money worries and inevitable time off work."

Mr Van De Mortel included an updated message expressing appreciation for the money pledged in a short amount of time.

It said: "I would like to thank everyone for the support and donations, 'Thank

you' doesn't seem enough, but I don't know what else to say. I knew that lots of people would contribute and support this campaign, but the speed at which this has happened has taken me and everybody involved in setting this up quite by surprise."

Emergency services were called at 1.55pm on May 31, to the quarry at Friog, near Fairbourne, in Gwynedd.

A full inquest will take place into the circumstances around Sarah's death.

North Wales Police launched an investigation after the tragedy and advised people to stay away from the lake because it was not a safe place to swim or jump into the water.

To donate to the fundraising, visit www.gofundme.com/gary-and-rachel

Youths on the wrong side of law down 40pc

THE number of young offenders dealt with in Staffordshire has fallen by 40 per cent in the last four years, according to new figures.

A report by HM Chief Inspector of Probation showed the county now has one of the most effective youth offending services in the country.

The service works with young people aged between 10 and 17 and aims to deter them from offending or re-offending.

Council chiefs said they have seen the number of young people supervised fall from 428 in 2012-13 to 238 in 2016-17. Mark Sut-

ton, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for children and young people, said: "We are incredibly proud of our track record in helping troubled young people turn their lives around."

Teams work across the county with young people who have either got into trouble with the police, been charged with a crime and are going to court, or have been convicted of a crime and sentenced.

A report on the success of the service and recommendations to reshape it due to the decreasing cases loads was being presented to the county council's cabinet yesterday (Wednesday).

Attacks 'hit numbers at attractions'

MERLIN Entertainments, which runs Alton Towers, says recent terror attacks have resulted in fewer visitor numbers at attractions such as Madame Tussauds and the London Eye.

In a trading update covering the year to date, the firm said incidents in Manchester and London have dented domestic demand, with Merlin 'cautious' on the levels of overseas visitors in the coming months.

Merlin said it benefited from the collapse in the Brexit-hit pound as more foreign tourists flocked to London, which continued in the immediate aftermath of the Westminster attack on March 22. But the group added: "The incident

did result in a softer domestic, day-trip market. However, the subsequent attacks in Manchester and London over the past month have resulted in a further deterioration in domestic demand and, given the typical lag between holiday bookings and visitation, we are also cautious on trends in foreign visitation over the coming months."

Merlin's other attractions in the capital include London Dungeons and Sea Life. Trading at Merlin's Legoland Parks and theme parks – such as Alton Towers – has been in line with expectations, but some have been 'adversely affected in recent weeks by the terror attacks and subsequent heightened security measures', the company added.

Ex-council social worker is suspended for misconduct

Lotto winners dig in to help



Stuart and Denise Powell, Brenda Portch and Tom and Rita Naylor joined in the work at the arboretum

FIVE Lottery winners helped build a pathway for visitors at the National Memorial Arboretum.

Wolverhampton couple Tom and Rita Naylor, who won £15 million, Stuart and Denise Powell, from Featherstone, who bagged £1m, and Stourbridge woman Brenda Portch, who won £1.4m, joined in the work.

They worked alongside other Lottery winners and Royal Marine Commando Lance Corporal Matthew Croucher, from Solihull, who was awarded the George Cross for risking his life to save comrades in

Afghanistan in 2008. The pathway, called The National Lottery Way, is a 40-metre walkway taking visitors to memorials and tributes.

It links the main avenue to the rear of the site where many new memorials are located. The new route is designed to encourage more people to explore this area.

Control room staff at Staffordshire Police HQ raised £315 through non-uniform days and cake sales for a fund to pay for the new UK Police Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum.

A SOCIAL worker has been suspended for misconduct after her care 'seriously fell short', affecting the welfare of vulnerable people with learning disabilities.

Tracy Hands, a former Staffordshire County Council employee, has been barred from practising for nine months by the Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service (HCPTS).

There were failings concerning four different people during her employment at the authority, between October 2015 and March 2016 serving the Stafford and South Staffordshire areas.

The allegations in relation to 'Service user A' were that she did not record contact with the police when she should have, did not record visits and did not carry out an inquiry report.

Similar

Concerning another person referred to as Service user B, Miss Hands was accused of failing to complete a mental capacity assessment, not contacting them for their views, not liaising with community nurses and failing to ensure 'protective measures' were in place. The social worker's shortcomings surrounding a third person delayed their discharge from hospital, the panel found.

The allegations in relation to a fourth person were similar, also causing them a prolonged stay in hospital.

Concerns about Miss Hands's conduct prompted an informal Performance Improvement Plan in February 2016. However, the HCPTS said this 'did not proceed well'. Ultimately it led to her resignation in March that year.

A hearing into the allegations took place before a HCPTS conduct and competence committee in London this month.

Their report concluded: "The panel was of the view that the wider public interest was engaged in this case."

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Rugeley captain Gashane Grant, referee Roy Swaby and Coalville captain Haydn Rice

GB Plastics has been crowned the Midlands Family Business of the Year

"We get so caught up in the day to day running of the business that we forget to sit back and look at what we have achieved. Being nominated was fabulous, but winning is amazing."

River water quality improved

FISH and invertebrates can enjoy new and improved habitats thanks to a project to improve water quality along a stretch of the River Penk.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has been working alongside landowners, Natural England and the Environment Agency within the Whiston Brook catchment which has suffered from elevated phosphate levels as a result of agricultural diffuse pollution.

The catchment contains Motte Meadows near Wheaton Aston, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and a National Nature Reserve (NNR).

Anna Maxwell, survey and records officer for Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, said: "The project will breathe life back into this area and be of huge benefit to fish and invertebrates by improving and creating new habitats. By improving the water quality of the Whiston Brook, it helps reduce the amount of sediment and therefore phosphates from entering the tributaries of the

£182,000 to go towards diabetes care

PATIENTS in Staffordshire are set to benefit from almost £200,000 investment into the treatment of diabetes. The area's clinical commissioning groups will receive £186,000 from a national pot of £42m.

It will be used to advance the care and treatment local diabetes patients receive this year. The money will be used to improve the achievement of a number of treatment targets. Simon Stevens, chief executive of NHS England, said: "With more than 18,000 people in England having already started our diabetes prevention programme, the NHS is doing its bit, but this is a battle we cannot win alone."

Vintage fair brings in £4,000 for church



Charlotte Fraser in front of a 1903 Burrell Endurance Engine

A HISTORIC steam engine, six beautiful Bentleys and a fairground organ – just some of the stunning exhibits on show at a vintage fair.

The event in Shareshall has helped raise around £4,000 for the upkeep of the village's 14th Century church – St Mary and St Luke. People who attended the vintage fair – which has run every two years for the past 20 years – had dozens of exhibits to enjoy.

Exhibits included a 1903 showman's engine, vintage fairground organ, as well as vintage cars – including six Bentleys – tractors and motorcycles.

There were also stalls, a barbecue, children's amusements and arena events.

Paul Adams, aged 80, who helped organise the event, said it had proved a real success.

Mr Adams said: "It went really well. The weather was lovely and all the exhibitors turned up with their vehicles – we had about 75 in total."

Group's bid to win £25k

A WOMEN'S aid group is appealing for votes in an attempt to win £25,000.

Staffordshire Women's Aid is appealing to all its friends, supporters and service users to vote online to help them receive a £25,000 Community Award from the Freemasons.

As part of Freemasonry's 300th anniversary celebrations, the Masonic Charitable Foundation is distributing £3 million to 300 charities, and Staffordshire Women's Aid is one of those selected.

Traffic scheme near Chase Line crossing

A ROAD improvement scheme designed to lessen the impact of closing a level crossing on the Chase Line has received the support of business leaders.

Signal upgrades, junction improvements and traffic calming will be rolled out across the area under the project.

It is hoped to improve the flow of traffic – thereby limiting the damage caused by the closure of the crossing, due to increasing the speed of trains along the line. The crossing is in Willenhall Lane, Bloxwich, and regularly used as a rat-run to avoid some of the traffic on the high street.

Members of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership endorsed the £100,000 road improvements. It will now go before the Black Country Executive Joint Committee for a final decision.

The money will come from the region's Growth Deal programme. Funding has already been secured from Network Rail and Walsall Council.

Millions is being spent treating the condition, which can often be caused by obesity, across the West Midlands.

In 2015, an NHS study revealed that seven per cent of adults in the Cannock Chase district suffered with the condition.

Nationally, the latest figures show that early 2.5 million adults and children in England have been diagnosed with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

Welcomed

Dr Ken Deacon, medical director for NHS England North Midlands, said: "This additional funding is great news for our area and will boost the good work which is already underway to provide a high level of treatment and support for people with diabetes."

The news has also been welcomed by doctors and charity bosses.

Professor Jonathan Valabhji, NHS England's national clinical director for diabetes and obesity, said: "The NHS, and its partners, is going to great lengths to help keep those with diabetes healthy."

"It is crucial that we have an integrated approach to tackling not just the prevention of Type 2 diabetes but also the successful management of all forms of diabetes."

Van flips on roof

A van ended up on its roof in a crash on the A449. It happened at 7.15am on Monday and involved a Transit van and a car in a collision at the junction with Four Ashes Lane. A police spokesman said: "There were no major injuries reported."

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Theatre to screen live show

LONDON'S South Bank will be brought to Stafford Gatehouse Theatre next month – as an all-star cast features in the live screening of a sell-out show.

Hollywood star and Oscar-nominated actor Andrew Garfield will lead the cast in the two-part National Theatre Live screening of *Angles in America*.

It tells the story of America in the mid-1980s. In the midst of the AIDS crisis and a conservative Reagan administration, New Yorkers grapple with life and death, love

and sex, heaven and hell. This new staging of Tony Kushner's award-winning two-part play is directed by Olivier and Tony award winning director Marianne Elliott.

Part one of the drama, *Millennium Approaches*, will be screened a week prior to part two, *Perestroika*.

The screening of *Angles in America* Part One: *Millennium Approaches* will take place at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre on July 20 at 7pm, and Part Two: *Perestroika* on Thursday July 27 at 7pm.

Unemployment shows drop but wages also fall

WAGES are falling further behind inflation, with the pay gap getting bigger. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said that after inflation, wages were down 0.6 per cent between February and April.

The day after the ONS revealed CPI inflation had jumped to 2.9pc, it said wages – not including bonuses – were up just 1.7pc. But unemployment is at its lowest in more than a decade. And more people are in work, with employment hitting a record high. The ONS said almost 32 million people are in work – 372,000 more than a year ago and the highest total since records began in 1971.

Unemployment fell by 50,000 between February and April, to 1.53 million, the lowest for over a decade.

In the West Midlands unemployment rose by 6,000 to 166,000 in the three months to April, but the figures for May show the number of people claiming benefits in the region fell. UK-wide, the number of people on the so-called claimant count was up for the third month in a row in May, to stand at 802,600. Across the Black Country and Staffordshire, the figures fell.

130 more jobs on way for estate



Ground work at the two Opus Land developments

NEARLY 140 more jobs are to be created at the Kingswood Lakeside business park in Cannock.

The 130 posts will be created at the final plot, taking the total number of jobs created at the former opencast mining site to around 800.

Two units on the site are already being built by Opus Land with the potential to create more than 500 jobs. Midlands-based developer Trebor will soon start work on another unit, which could create 140 jobs.

Now Staffordshire County Council has begun the process of selling the final plot of land at the business park, which is one of the area's main employment sites.

Already home to leading national businesses including Veolia, APC Overnight, HellermannTyton and First Choice, the county council hopes this final sale means Kingswood will soon be fully occupied. Both HellermannTyton and catering equipment supplier First Choice started operations at Kingswood Lakeside over the last eight months.

Concerns

In the region as a whole the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance and other unemployment-related benefits was down by 1,415 in May to 87,645.

In Staffordshire, the claimant count fell by 200 to 5,710 – 1.1pc. In Lichfield it fell by 35 to 445 or 0.7pc. In Cannock Chase the count was down by 25 to 830 to people, or 1.3pc. In South Staffordshire it fell 25 to 765, or 1.1pc, and in Stafford it was down by five to 785, one per cent.

Chris Plant, the director at the Cannock Chase Chamber of Commerce, has said the latest labour market statistics for June 'mask some significant concerns'.

"The gap between pay and price growth is now significant," he said.

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GP service is extended

HEALTH bosses have extended a Saturday GP service which was set up to relieve pressure on the Manor Hospital's A&E.

Since January appointments have been made available at Portland Medical Practice in Aldridge, and The Keys Family Practice in Willenhall.

Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has now confirmed patients can still take advantage of the surgeries this Saturday and the following one, although times are now 9am-midday.

Parking fees bring in £5m for hospital

THE trust that runs Walsall Manor Hospital has raked in more than £6 million in parking charges in five years including nearly £5,000 in fines.

The figures have prompted calls for fees to be scrapped. Parking charges at the Moat Road site are £1 for 30 minutes, £2 for the first hour and £1 for every hour after that up to a maximum of £6 a day.

Income from parking tickets increased from £1 million in 2011-12 to £1.3m in 2015-16.

In total, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust received £6,106,344 in the period including £4,500 from people being fined for breaching car parking rules.

Jane Longden, divisional director of estates and facilities at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "Income generated from car parking fees is used initially to fund security, maintenance and upkeep of the car parking facilities and any surplus is used to improve patient care."



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School has extra places in £1.6m expansion project



Students have been incredibly impressed with the 21st century design of the new building

A NEW classroom development block has secure additional places at Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls.

In 2014, the school responded to the overwhelming demand for places by expanding from five forms of entry to six.

Initially, the existing school buildings accommodated the additional students, but new development was needed in order to continue the expansion.

A new £1.6 million building development has since been

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completed and will be timetabled for lessons from September 2017.

Students have been incredibly impressed with the 21st century design of the new building, referring to it as 'a really modern, spacious and airy building, it will mean we are not overcrowded'.

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Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls is a highly successful, non-fee paying secondary school.

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Tyne-Lexy: I've no regrets over island

DUMPED Love Island contestant Tyne-Lexy Clarkson has no regrets about appearing on the show – but is now looking for her Prince Charming in the 'real world'. The 20-year-old from Cannock was given her marching orders from the hugely popular show after failing to get picked in the 'recoupling'. Tyne-Lexy said she felt she had 'smashed everything' during her stay in the luxurious villa. After leaving the show, she said on her Twitter account: "Hopefully my Prince Charming is awaiting somewhere in the real world." The former student of St Dominic's in Brewwood and Thomas Telford school added: "I don't think I have any regrets really. I went in

there to try my hardest to stay true to myself and keep my head screwed on the right way which is kind of hard when you're in there. "Everything's really intense, there's a lot of dramas. "I don't think I let myself down really when I was in there. "I think it's just unfortunate that the guys that were in there, I tried my best with the ones that I was attracted to but unfortunately timings just weren't on my side." Tyne-Lexy, who describes herself as an actress/singer/dancer/artist, was dumped from the ITV2 series after finding herself left over when the boys were asked to choose who they wanted to couple up with. She said leaving the show felt 'surreal'.



Tyne-Lexy Clarkson – 'I don't think I let myself down'

Lion tamer hits out at circus animals ban bid

BRITAIN'S only lion tamer has condemned a bid to ban wild animals in circuses. Thomas Chipperfield, who houses lions and tigers at Watling Street, Norton Canes, in between tours, has argued against a bill the Scottish Government is planning to introduce to prohibit their use in shows. In a letter to the Scottish Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, he said: "I am writing with the intention to submit evidence that not only supports the use of wild animals in travelling circuses but also condemns the idea of a ban on such a practice." Mr Chipperfield challenged the notion in the bill that there is a 'lack

of scientific data' on the welfare of circus animals, arguing research had been carried out in Britain commissioned by the RSPCA, in America by Texas A & M University, while stress tests had been conducted on German circus lions. He dismissed a clause in the proposed law which states the animals are required to perform 'tricks not normally seen naturally, in an artificial environment'. Mr Chipperfield said: "This is a fiction of the animal rights movement. Tricks typically performed by circus tigers and lions, to give but two examples, include rolling over, sitting up, jumping and variations of the above. All of which are completely natural actions."

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Antonio, aged 22, will be starring alongside last year's 2016's best actress Academy Award Oscar-winner Alicia Vikander in the new reboot of the franchise, which previously starred Angelina Jolie as the beautiful treasure hunter.

Vikander has taken on the lead role of Lara Croft, a heroine based on the

popular video game franchise which follows Lara as she embarks on a journey to uncover the mystery behind her father's disappearance. In the film Antonio plays the character Nitin who is in love with Lara.

Fast rising Antonio, from Wolverhampton, has recently starred in BBC Films' *City Of Tiny Lights* opposite Billie Piper and Riz Ahmed and was on screens last month in the BBC One drama *Three Girls*.

Antonio went to Holyhead Primary School in Wednesbury, followed by Wodensborough Ormiston Academy.



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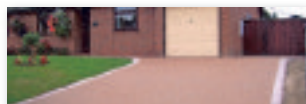
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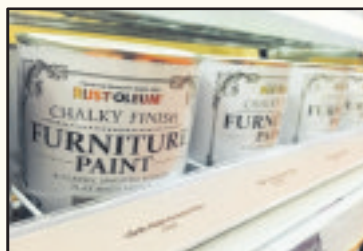
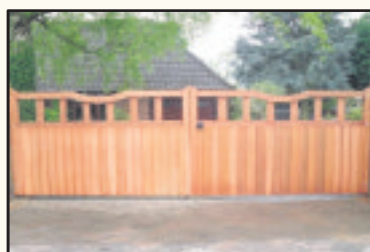
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Our Falklands son died for his country

'HE died for our freedom' – the words of a mother who lost her son in the Falklands War 35 years ago.

Last Tuesday marked the exact day the Argentines surrendered following 74 days of conflict.

Wolverhampton's Adrian John Anslow, a radio air engineering mechanic in the Royal Navy, died aged 20 on May 25, along with 11 others who went missing at sea in 1982.

He was in the Fleet Air Arm unit in the 45(R) Squadron.

His parents Rose and Alfred, along with his sister Johann last week attended a remembrance service at St Martin's Church in Blakenhall.

Mr Anslow joined the navy, aged 17. His body was never recovered following his death three years later.

Mrs Anslow said the loss of her son was 'catastrophic' for the family. Mrs Anslow, 79, said of the service: "We remember him everyday and everyday is the same but on this day everybody else joins in our grief. It's important everyone does remember this young man who died for his country."

"Growing up he was always concerned with making things right and sorting bullies out, that type of thing."

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Adrian Anslow



Adrian Anslow's father Alfred, mother Rosemary and sister Johann

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Jersey Boys first opened in London at the Prince Edward Theatre in March 2008 and moved to the Piccadilly Theatre in March 2014. The Olivier Award-winning West End production closed on March 26 this year following nine years in London.

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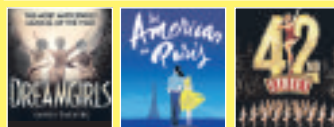
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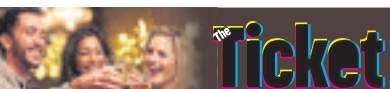
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It's A Little More Mascara for John

He's thrilled that the new touring production of hit musical La Cage aux Folles will land in Wolverhampton from Tuesday.

EastEnders star John John had a great time when he visited Birmingham recently, as the show featured in the city's Gay Village. Because the lavish new production about a drag artiste in a vibrant St Tropez nightclub is a tale of inclusivity.

John says: "The message is that you can be whoever you want to be, no matter what race, religion or sexuality you are. We all have to learn to accept, celebrate, acknowledge and respect each other's differences. We need to realise that we're all individuals living together, so we have to get along."

Bill Kenwright's La Cage aux Folles is a glitzy, high-kicking, feather-trimmed joy starring John and Adrian Zmed. It will feature at Wolverhampton's Grand until July 1.

George and the dazzling drag artiste Albin, otherwise known as Za Za and the star of La Cage aux Folles, live an idyllic existence in the heart of St Tropez. But behind the curtains of this sparkling extravaganza, all may be about to change.

Georges' son Jean-Michel announces his engagement to the daughter of a notorious right-wing politician determined to close down the local colourful night-life. Drama and hilarity ensue when a meeting of the parents forces them to cover up their vibrant lifestyle. Will Albin be able to play the role of his life to ensure that Jean-Michel can marry his love?

The production stars West End hero John, whose extensive theatre credits include the West End productions of A Chorus Line at the London Palladium, Cats, Starlight Express and Chicago. He also played the loveable Christian in BBC's EastEnders.

Alongside him is Broadway star Adrian, whose credits include Blood Brothers, Grease and Fallettos.

On television he played Officer Vince Romano alongside William Shatner in the long running hit series T.J. Hooker and big screen credits include Johnny in Grease 2.

Joining them is West End icon, Marti Webb. She received huge critical acclaim for Tell Me on a Sunday, a show specifically written for her by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black. John has spent a lifetime preparing for such roles, having left school for Cats as a teenager.

"Leaving school for Cats when I was 16 really wasn't a big decision. I'd trained for it all my life. I'd been away at boarding school, the Royal Ballet School, since I was nine years old, and by 16 I was ready to go.

"During that first year of touring, my father passed away. I had to deal with a lot personally and I also grew up a lot. Thinking back on it now, it was quite extraordinary, but at the time, when you're 16, you don't give it much attention. It doesn't seem unusual or dangerous or out of the ordinary."

That production remains dear to John and he has the fondest memories of it: "Cats is dear to me because it's the only time my father has seen me perform. The show will always have a special place in my heart for that reason, but it was also a

Love story - John stars alongside Broadway star Adrian Zmed



place I spent a lot of my youth. Things got very comfortable and very familiar. It never felt like going to work, it felt like going home."

And yet despite getting such a good start to his career, John had to work hard to make a go of things. While he landed on his feet in Cats, he had to repeat the feat again and again and again, until he was established.

"It's easy to get your first job, but it's really about getting your fifth and your sixth and so on. It's about keeping it going. Being able to take the rejections, the criticisms, the good reviews, the bad reviews... that's what gets difficult. In many ways, one of the things I'm most proud of is that I've stuck it out and endured it."

He's doing so at present following the death of his mother. John had appeared on Celebrity Big Brother to raise funds for her care, which cost £45,000 per year. However, his mum, Bridget, died in April after being diagnosed with dementia and Alzheimer's in 2010. John tried to care for her as long as he could and she moved in with him for a while.

"Then, when we as a family felt we were not equipped medically to deal with her condition - my sister and I both work - we had to find her a placement."

"The only place we felt was fitting for her cost that amount of money and we saw a lot of places."

He said: "My mum passed away with zero in her bank account. Zero. I wish she had enjoyed the money. She saved for the wrong things, she saved for her family. "My mum worked so hard every day of her life and what she had was to leave, not to us necessarily, but to her grandchildren, and that was all she had."

"People now say things like, 'There are positive ways to live with dementia'. You name me one. Because as far as I can see, there is nothing positive to having Alzheimer's or dementia."

"It is brutal and it is cruel and I have nothing good to say about it."

It's easy to get your first job, but it's really about getting your fifth job...

La Cage aux Folles is a joyous production. The original 1983 Broadway production received nine nominations for Tony Awards and won six, including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book. The success of the musical spawned a West End production and several international runs.

The 2004 Broadway revival won the Tony Award for Best Revival, and the 2008 London revival garnered the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival. The 2010 Broadway revival was nominated for eleven Tony Awards, winning the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical.

It has toured around the world, with productions in Australia, Germany, Colombia, Mexico, Estonia, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Korea, Denmark, Panama, Puerto Rico, Sweden and the Philippines.

John is happy simply to be a part of it: "Thinking about La Cage aux Folles makes me quite emotional. We've had a standing ovation every night. I've just come off a sell-out tour of Chicago and we very rarely had a standing ovation. This is the kind of show that compels people to get on their feet. The book [by Harvey Fierstein] is a gift, there isn't a word out of place. To be able to stand onstage every night and sing "I Am What I Am" is really life-affirming."

"It's a riot from start to finish. Gary McCann has done an amazing job with our set - it looks like the inside of a jewellery box. My costumes are sensational - I have 14 changes in the first half alone. Albin has been played by some legends before me, and it's not something I take on lightly. I'm from Manchester and I decided to play him as a northerner. It feels very familiar to me, and I feel very comfortable in his shoes because of that."

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A scene from Die Fledermaus



WNO take audience back to seductive old Vienna

Welsh National Opera return to Birmingham Hippodrome next week to offer a taste of one of music's most seductive destinations, Vienna, with a celebration of the city's musical culture and style.

The season includes a new production of Richard Strauss's sumptuous comedy *Der Rosenkavalier*, and a revival of John Copley's opulent, traditional production of *Die Fledermaus* by Johann Strauss II. Alongside these are performances of WNO's classic production of Puccini's *Madam Butterfly*.

WNO's new music director, Tomáš Hanus, will conduct both *Die Fledermaus*, performed on Wednesday, and *Der Rosenkavalier*, performed on Saturday, July 1.

Directed by Olivia Fuchs with design by Niki Turner,

the new production of *Der Rosenkavalier* will take audiences on a passionate journey to 1911 Vienna. Celebrated soprano Rebecca Evans will be making a role debut in the iconic role of The Marschallin. The revival of *Die Fledermaus* will also transport audiences to early 1900s Vienna in a production that revels in frivolity and fancy frocks at a masquerade ball.

Completing the trio of operas is Puccini classic *Madam Butterfly*, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Joachim Herz's production will be directed by Sarah Crisp and conducted by Andrew Greenwood. *Madam Butterfly* tells the heartbreaking tale of Cio-Cio-San's love and loss at the hands of her US naval officer, Pinkerton. Linda Richardson returns to share the role of Cio-Cio-San with Judith Howarth. Paul Charles Clarke sings the role of Pinkerton. See birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Dude returns to roll away the years



As leader of 1970s British rock legends Mott The Hoople, Ian Hunter is widely revered as one of rock 'n' roll's most compelling performers and most articulate songwriters.

As author of such anthems as *All The Way From Memphis* and the voice of such landmark albums as *All The Young Dudes*, he remains a hero to fellow musicians and fans around the world. He is bringing his Rat Band for a concert at Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday.

Hunter, pictured, joined Mott The Hoople in 1969. With Mott, he had recorded four albums – Mott The Hoople, Mad Shadows, Wildlife

and Brain Capers by the time they hit international stardom with the glam rock anthem, the David Bowie penned *All The Young Dudes*.

The band's success continued with Mott and The Hoople, between them containing the hits *All The Way From Memphis*, *Honoloochie Boogie*, *Roll Away The Stone* and *The Golden Age Of Rock 'n' Roll*. Mott disbanded in 1974 and Ian moved to New York, starting a celebrated solo career. The albums Ian Hunter, *All American Alien Boy*, *Overnight Angels*, *You're Never Alone With A Schizophrenic*, *Short Back 'n' Sides* and *All Of The Good Ones Are Taken*.

Barry Manilow took one of Ian's most personal songs, *Ships into the charts*.

Ian took time out to produce in the '80s, returning in 1993, since then Ian has produced what some critics feel to be his best work, *The Artful Dodger*, *Rant*, *Shrunkn Heads*, *Man Overboard* and *When I'm President*.

Mott The Hoople have reformed twice and Hunter played two successful tours with them. But, whilst proud of his past achievements, he would prefer to focus on the future. Hunter said: "For the first 15 years of my life, I had no idea what I was here for. But then Elvis came out and it was, 'Oh, that's what I am here for'."

"Rock 'n' roll gave me a great life and I don't know what I would have done without it. It's all I know."

Mirga takes the baton for opera

Acclaimed young Lithuanian conductor and Music Director of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Mirga Gražinyte-Tyla, pictured, will be holding the baton when Mozart opera *Idemeneo* is performed at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, at 5pm on Saturday.

English tenor Jeremy Ovenden will be in the title role as the King of Crete in a story from ancient Greece. Sung in Italian with English surtitles, the three hour performance will include two intervals.



Old and young punk rockers in action

Pick of the gigs include punk veterans Dead Kennedys at Birmingham's O2 Academy on Monday, and controversial young punks Cabbage across the city at Digbeth's O2 Institute tomorrow (Friday). Joy Division are one of the influences on Birmingham band Semantics, who top a four band bill in a home town gig at the Sunflower Lounge on Saturday. Former W.A.S.P. guitarist Chris Holmes brings his band Mean Man to the Robin 2 in Bilston on Tuesday, and on Wednesday Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow are at the Genting Arena. Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms next weekend hosts local metal band Our World Below, topping a five band bill on Friday, July 1. Up-and-coming country music duo American Young bring a flavour of modern Nashville to the Slade Rooms on July 2.

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10.40 Film: *The Proposal*. (2009)
12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.30 BBC News.

1.00 **Film:** *Goodbye First Love.* (2011) Romantic drama, with Lola Creton and Sebastian Urzendowsky. **2.45** **This Is** BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

11.50 *ITV News: Weather.*
12.10 *The Chase.* (R) **1.05** *Jackpot247.*
3.00 *Who's Doing the Dishes?* (R)

11.15 Film: *The Purge*. (2013) The American government responds to rising crime rates by introducing an annual 12-hour period when all laws are suspended, so the people can get violent impulses out of their system. A family takes shelter at home, but when a stranger turns up asking for help, the mayhem outside soon catches up with them. Horror, starring Lena Headey and Ethan Hawke.

12.50 Ramsay's Hotel Hell. (R) **1.40**
Hollyoaks. **3.50** Ackley Bridge. **1.40**

11.50 Access.
12.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 Gold Digger
and Proud. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R)

12.30 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **12.45** Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) **2.30** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Fast & Furious 5 (2011) **11.35** Gogglebox **1.45** Tattoo Fixers **2.45** Rude Tube **3.35** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.20** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** Rude(ish) Tube

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Poldark (BBC1, 9pm)
Ross is ordered to leave Roscoff under threat of execution. He travels with Tholly to meet his contact in France, but finds information about Dwight's fate comes at a high price. Sam leads a congregation of methodists in protest outside the church – only to face broken promises from George, who revokes their lease on the meeting house, which leads them to turn to Elizabeth for help. Geoffrey Charles has some words of advice for Drake, who has shared a moment of intimacy on the beach with Morwenna. Aidan Turner, Ellise Chappell, Harry Richardson, Sean Gilder, Tom York, Jack Farthing, Gabriella Wilde, Heida Reed and Harry Marcus star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.00** Tannis: Queen's. **5.10** Points of View. **5.25** Songs of Praise.

6.00 Celebrity Mastermind. John Humphrys tests Shappi Khorsandi, Chris Stark, Piers Taylor and Lee Pearson on Charlie Chaplin, Scott Mills, Bob Dylan and British birds. (R)

6.30 BBC News.

7.00 Countryfile. Sean Fletcher reports from Carmarthenshire, where he meets an expert on birds of prey in Carmarthenshire who uses drones designed to look like birds to train falcons to hunt. He takes a look behind the scenes in the workshop where they are built and visits a breeding unit for peregrine falcon chicks. Plus, a selection of reports from the series featuring working animals.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The roving team values more decorative objects and rarities belonging to the public.

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10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Tracey Breaks the News. Tracey Ullman returns with a one-off political and topical offering, filmed close to transmission and broadcast in the aftermath of the general election. (R)

11.00 Live at the Apollo. Leading performers on the stand-up circuit share their light-hearted views on modern life. (R)

11.30 Film: The Spectacular Now. (2013)

1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **6.45** The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** Countryfile. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Sailing: America's Cup Highlights. **2.00** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.45** Garden Rescue. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.15** Natural World. (R) **5.10** Ploeg. (R)

6.00 Glastonbury 2017. Mark Radcliffe and Lauren Laverne present coverage of the afternoon's highlights, including the Bee Gee and classic songwriter Barry Gibb's performance at the Sunday Afternoon Legends slot. Plus, Nile Rodgers and his disco band Chic perform many of their hits at the Pyramid Stage, alongside a selection of acoustic sets from throughout the day, live reports from around the site, and a look forward to the final headline, pop star Ed Sheeran.

9.00 Glastonbury 2017. Clara Amfo and Huw Stephens present live coverage of global pop star Ed Sheeran's performance at the Pyramid Stage on the third and final night of coverage from the festival at Worthy Farm, marking the singer's debut as a Glastonbury headline. Following Ed Sheeran's live performance, Jo Whitley, Mark Radcliffe and Huw Stephens take over the presenting reins on the BBC Two sofa and reminisce on the best of the final day of the Festival, looking back at their own personal highlights from across the weekend. Last in the series.

12.00 Film: Up There. (2012) A spirit is given the job of escorting the recently deceased to the afterlife, when all he wants to do is cross over himself. He is partnered with an annoyingly cheerful sidekick for his latest assignment, but they manage to lose the soul in question and face a frantic search through a British seaside town. Comic fantasy, starring Burn Gorman, Kate O'Flynn and Ayman Hamdouchi. **1.15** Sign Zone: Question Time. David Dimbleby chairs the debate from Plymouth, with a panel of politicians and other guests facing topical questions from the audience. (R)

2.15 Holy City. As Jasmine begins to investigate the past, she makes a shocking discovery, while Dom takes a dim view when new friend Lofy appears insensitive. (R) **3.15** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Sooty. (R) **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.20** Marvel Avengers Assemble. (R) **7.45** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.10** Ben 10. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.00** ITV News; Weather. **12.10** Film: King Ralph. (1991) Comedy, starring John Goodman. **2.00** The Voice Kids. (R) **3.30** Live 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup. Germany v Cameroon (Kick-off 4.00pm).

6.10 ITV News; Weather.

6.20 Film: The Amazing Spider-Man 2. (2014) The webslinging hero battles a powerful new enemy when a downtrodden engineer develops lethal electrical powers, which he unleashes on those he believes have betrayed him. As if that wasn't enough to keep him busy, he faces an even greater threat when he is reunited with an unstable old friend who has been charged with a sinister mission by his dying father, leading to a series of tense confrontations that threaten to change his life for ever. Superhero adventure sequel, starring Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Dane DeHaan.

9.00 The Loch. The police hold a press conference to appeal for information about Jonjo, and Smilie hopes to take the opportunity to reassure the public that they have nothing to fear and prevent news of the human heart found by the lake from spreading further. However, his plans are disrupted by Blake, who reveals everything and shares his theory that the community is being terrorised by a serial killer. An unexpected discovery is made outside the village hall during a town meeting set up to try and identify the killer.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. Allegra Stratton presents a guide to the latest issues on social media. (R)

11.15 Lethal Weapon. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK.

3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.35 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **7.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Eating Well with Hemsley + Hemsley. **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **1.00** Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Live Build-up. Previewing the eighth round of the season. **1.35** Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Live. Coverage from the Baku City Circuit (Start-time 2.00pm). **4.10** Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix Live Reaction. A review of the eighth round of the season. **5.00** Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber. (R)

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Grand Designs. Boat enthusiast James Strangeways invites Kevin McCloud to survey progress on the construction of his new home, which his architect nephew Ben Hebblethwaite has designed to be as "un-houselike" as possible. James has spent the past 35 years travelling the canals and waterways of Britain, and despite never liking houses, has decided now is the time to put down roots on dry land. Ben hoped a home standing on stilts above a marsh, and incorporating ship-like qualities such as a keel-shaped roof, will be enough to satisfy his boat-mad uncle. However, Ben's contractor goes into liquidation a few months into the project, taking £87,000 of the £300,000 budget, and when James decides to make a few tweaks to the design, alarm bells begin to ring for the young architect. (R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys: India. Part two of two. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Brahmaputra river, where they follow an old trade route, meet a community of monks and take a ride on an elephant.

9.00 The Handmaid's Tale. Offred receives a surprising proposition from Serena Joy that brings back memories of the unconventional way she met her husband.

10.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Joe Lycett and Michelle Wolf join regulars Jon Richardson and Sean Lock for the words-and-numbers game, with Adam Riches in Dictionary Corner. (R)

11.15 Film: The Last Days on Mars. (2013) Sci-fi horror.

1.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.00** The Last Leg. (R) **2.55** KOTV Boxing Weekly.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Pip Ahoy! **6.10** Mr. Men. (R) **6.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.30** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.35** Wipac. (R) **6.40** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.55** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.05** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.20** Oly the Little White Van. (R) **7.25** Oly the Little White Van. (R) **7.30** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.40** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.05** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.20** Wipac. (R) **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.50** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.10** Little Princess. (R) **9.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.45** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.25** Film: Jack and the Beanstalk. (2010) Fantasy adventure, starring Colin Firth. **3.10** Film: Did You Hear about the Morgans? (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Sarah Jessica Parker. **5.15** Film: Made of Honor. (2008) Romantic comedy, starring Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v South Africa. Action from the third T20 international of the three-match series, which took place at The SSE SWALEC in Cardiff.

8.00 That's So 1994. The events of 1994, when the Church of England ordained its first female priests, the first UK National Lottery draw took place, and the Channel Tunnel opened. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, revealing how the housemates are getting on under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chat-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.05 OMGI! My Barbie Body. New series. Documentary series about people who have undergone extreme cosmetic surgery, beginning with three women who have tried to turn themselves into Barbie dolls.

11.00 Film: Role Models. (2008) After a brush with the law, two irresponsible men have to look after troubled kids as community service. Comedy, with Paul Rudd, Sean William Scott and Christopher Mintz-Plass.

1.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Our Dream Hotel. (R) **4.50** Britain's Greatest Bridges. (R) **4.50** Great Artists. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Rag'n'Bone Man and Shaggy at Glastonbury 2017. Coverage of the singers' performances at the festival. **8.00** Special Guests at Glastonbury 2017. Special appearances at the John Peel Stage. **9.00** Operation Crossbow 10.00 Storyville: Russia's Toughest Prison – The Condemned **11.20** Horizon: Antarctica Ice Station Rescue **12.20** The Comet's Tale **1.20** Timeshift: The Golden Age of Coach Travel **2.20** David Attenborough's Zoo Quest in Colour **3.50** Close

ITV2

11.55 The Voice Kids **1.25** Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30** Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **3.10** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **5.00** Film: Flubber (1997) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** Film: Flubber (1997) **6.50** Film: The Wedding Planner (2001) **7.50** FYI Daily **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Afternoon **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.00** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.50 The Darling Buds of May **1.05** Hidden Treasure **3.10** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.15** Foyle's War **7.15** The Road to Coronation Street **9.00** Joanna Lumley's Japan **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **3.35** May the Best House Win **5.15** On the Buses **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.10 Pawn Stars **12.35** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) **1.35** FYI Daily **1.40** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) **3.30** Live 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup. Chile v Australia (Kick-off 4.00pm). **6.00** Fierce **7.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **8.00** River Monsters **9.05** Film: The Great Train Robbery (1978) **10.10** FYI Daily **10.15** Film: The Great Train Robbery (1978) **11.20** Film: The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford (2007) **12.25** FYI Daily **12.30** Film: The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford (2007) **2.30** Tommy Cooper **3.00** Teleshopping

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12.55 Film: Tooth Fairy (2010) **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Special **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Film: Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (2009) **11.50** Gogglebox **12.55** Rude Tube **2.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Real Murders: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery, Channel 5, 3.20pm
 Librarian Aurora Teagarden is embroiled in a murder case when a member of her book reading group is killed. Mystery, with Candace Cameron Bure. (2015)

TUESDAY
Fatal Justice, Channel 5, 3.20pm
 A woman shopping in a convenience store witnesses a robbery in which the owner is killed and her niece seriously injured, ending up a paraplegic. The shopper, Karen, believes she recognises one of the robbers, but he is released thanks to a false alibi. Tortured by the memories of the murder of her brother – a crime that was never solved – Karen embarks on a trail of revenge against the perpetrators. Drama, starring Cynthia Watros. (2012)



Entrapment, Friday, BBC1, 11.25pm

WEDNESDAY
Millionaire Mystery: The Ultimate Gift, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A man has to complete a series of odd tasks set by billionaire grandfather in order to receive his inheritance from his billionaire grandfather, with no idea the challenges will change his life completely. Family drama, starring James Garner. (2006)

THURSDAY
Left to Die: The Sandra & Tammi Chase Story, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A woman takes a holiday in Ecuador, but ends up arrested for drug trafficking and incarcerated in a brutal prison. Her daughter devotes herself to getting her released, facing a lengthy battle with bureaucracy and a foreign legal system she knows nothing of. Fact-based prison drama, starring Barbara Hershey. (2012)

FRIDAY
Entrapment, BBC1, 11.25pm
 An elusive professional art thief suspected of stealing a priceless painting is pursued by an insurance agent. However, instead of bringing the criminal to book, she teams up with him to plot the robbery of a lifetime – although neither is sure the other can be trusted. Crime thriller, starring Sean Connery, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Ving Rhames. (1999)

Richard opens up the maze to more famous faces

Many viewers couldn't contain their excitement when it was announced that this puzzle-based TV show was winging its way back to our screens.

It follows last year's successful Stand Up To Cancer special, hosted by Stephen Merchant. Rumours of a full-time TV comeback first surfaced last year, with former Doctor Who David Tennant tipped to host.

However, it was Richard Ayoade who was eventually announced as the new Maze Master for the series reboot.

The comedian first found fame through his roles in The Mighty Boosh, Garth Marenghi's Darkplace and The IT Crowd, but has recently become an accomplished presenter, fronting factual shows Travel Man and Gadget Man.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show writer and star Richard O'Brien was the first and most recognised host of The Crystal Maze, presenting the show during its most successful period from 1990 to 1993.

He was known for his kooky and

quirky demeanour during the show's games, including his Victorian sense of fashion and playing the harmonica while he waited for contestants to complete the tasks. Edward Tudor-Pole then took over and ran proceedings before the show ended in 1995.

For those who haven't seen the show before, contestants of The Crystal Maze are challenged to navigate themselves through a labyrinth of tasks.

They pick up time crystals as they pass through each of the four zones – Aztec, Medieval, Industrial and Futuristic – which they need to use in the final mission.

The team of five contestants must then battle in the Crystal Dome to win a cash prize.

There will be 20 hour-long episodes in this run, all taking place in a specially-built 30,000 sq ft set in Bristol, created by original Crystal Maze designer James Dillon.

In last week's first celebrity special, Ore Oduba, Vicky Pattison, Alex Brooker, Lydia Bright and

Louie Spence were the brave contenders taking on the challenge.

Tonight, TV presenter Steve Jones, Gogglebox star and queen of the 1m A Celebrity jungle Scarlett Moffatt, former F1 racing driver David Coulthard, and TOWIE's Joey Essex, join team captain, model and TV personality Jodie Kidd in the four fantastical zones, attempting to win enough crystals that will earn them precious seconds in the Crystal Dome to win prizes for Stand Up to Cancer.

Watch out too for comedy actors Adam Buxton, known for numerous panel shows and podcasts, and Jessica Hynes, from Spaced and W1A, who will be making cameo appearances.

Buxton has his own character, a disembodied head called Jarhead who lives in the Futuristic Zone, and asks contestants to answer riddles.

Hynes, meanwhile, plays The Knight, guardian of the Medieval Zone, who will present a major challenge to any foolhardy crystal collector wanting to progress.



The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Special, Friday, Channel 4, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Loaded Channel 4, 10pm
 This new comedy drama about four friends who become rich overnight after selling their video game starring a cat for £246 million has divided both critics and viewers. However the adventures of troubled love-sick Josh (Jim Howick), flash boy Leon (Samuel Anderson), guilt-ridden public schoolboy Ewan (Jonny Sweet) and likeable ex-junkie Watto Nick Helm may still have start-up potential. Rather than being about how people would spend that type of money if they made it, Loaded has more depth and is all about the guilt, pain and torment that such wealth brings. The first series ends tonight with the gang in disarray, as Leon tries to bring about a temporary reconciliation. But the quartet have to decide what is more important – the money, the company, or staying together.

TUESDAY
The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies Channel 5, 8pm
 A new, 16-part run begins tonight, and kicks-off in heartbreaking fashion with the story of Timmy, an elderly collie cross who is discovered in a house surrounded by his own mess. To make matters even worse, he has a huge and painful tumour on his

face - luckily for him, RSPCA inspector Anthony refuses to give up on Timmy, who is going to need lots of care and attention. Anthony's fellow inspector, Helen, comes face-to-face with stroppy shih-tzu Archie; she hopes his grumpy mood will lighten once the matted fur obscuring his eyes and ears is trimmed back to a manageable length. There's also an insight into the fate of two adorable French bulldog puppies abandoned in a box in Pontypool Park, and Davies himself pops up in a bid to inspire someone to adopt an unwanted animal.

WEDNESDAY
Watchdog Live BBC1, 8pm
 New series. Matt Allwright, Steph McGovern and Nikki Fox return with a new series of topical reports and investigations, live from the programme's new home in Salford. In this episode, the hosts report on the alarming concerns surrounding smart meters in residential properties. Elsewhere, the team embark on an undercover investigation into a company that is training their new recruits to deliberately

target elderly customers with products that they do not need, often costing thousands of pounds.

THURSDAY
The Supervet Channel 4, 8pm
 There was a time when many pets and animals would be put down due to injury, or left to suffer. Thankfully, pioneering veterinarian Dr Noel Fitzpatrick will always go the extra mile to help a creature achieve a better quality of life. This week he uses his talents to treat a puppy called Poppy, which has difficulties with walking, and a lurcher called Dylan needs help with a collapsed joint. The programme also features a one-year-old cat that was hit by a car on its first



The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies, Tuesday, Channel 5, 8pm

venture outside the house, leaving it requiring emergency treatment.

FRIDAY
Great British Menu: The Finals BBC2, 8pm
 To some cynical viewers, the chance to cook a meal may not seem like much of a prize for a professional chef. However, the climax of this year's Great British Menu isn't just any old dinner party – it's a Taste of Summer banquet to celebrate 140 years of Wimbledon. After making it through the regional heats and this week's finals, the winning chefs will now get a chance to present their dishes to guests including Wimbledon players and champions, as well as those who work hard behind the scenes. But will knowing the likes of Tim Henman and Judy Murray are about to tuck into their food inspire the chefs to serve their best ever cooking, or will the pressure in the kitchen get too much?

The Secret World of Posh Pets ITV, 8pm
 New series. People's high-end pampering of their pets, detailing the extent to which some wealthy individuals indulge their much-loved and respected animals.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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J	L	G	X	T	V	F	N	E	K	Z	W	O

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Dancing in the air? (6,2,5)
- Did they get promotion after skating? (8)
- Is on charges (4)
- A call for a bite (6)
- Carry too far because of celebration (6)
- Dances to go higher (6)
- Soundly beat for writing rubbish about hothead (6)
- Top performer brings deserters back (4)
- Photo of a quick bit of marksmanship? (8)
- Be strongly inclined to be really intelligent (4,1,4,4)

Down

- The make-up of 444 on hands and knees (3,5)
- Urging birds to produce? (6)
- A bit of a nasty eyesore (4)
- Branch not hitting the target? (8)
- Mark time and refuse to work (6)
- Begin, though having nothing to write (4)
- Put Communist pointer to the East on the drawing board again? (8)
- Ignore the deduction from the bill (8)
- Student has no head for becoming the breadwinner (6)
- Take up the summary again? (6)
- Rip a sign of sadness (4)
- All right in the morning, though in a frenzy (4)

1	2	3	4	5	6
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Quick Clues:

Across

- Counter-charge (13)
- Remoteness (8)
- Simple (4)
- Bewail (6)
- Really (6)
- Redress (6)
- Connect (6)
- Stylish (4)
- Uncommunicative (8)
- Upright (13)

Down

- Devote (8)
- Squirm (6)
- Portent (4)
- Second-rate (8)
- Be there (6)
- Fling (4)
- Alluring (8)
- Outside (8)
- Fill (6)
- Release (3,3)
- Regard (4)
- Manger (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	5	8	1	2	7	6	3	9
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5	2	7	3	9	4	1	8	6
8	4	6	2	7	1	3	9	5
1	9	3	5	8	6	2	4	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Bang; 8 Accountant; 9 Seraglio; 10 Rest; 12 Sweets; 14 Flinch; 15 Ardent; 17 Cogent; 18 Asti; 19 Eyesight; 21 Concoction; 22 Side. Down: 2 Afterwards; 3 Gala; 4 Scales; 5 Put off; 6 Starting; 7 Stet; 11 Second-hand; 13 Eyepiece; 16 Trench; 17 Cleric; 18 Arch; 20 Inns.
QUICK - Across: 1 Load; 8 Roundabout; 9 Disgrace; 10 Tray; 12 Betray; 14 Trusty; 15 Vassal; 17 Create; 18 Dear; 19 Sediment; 21 Politeness; 22 Tusk. Down: 2 Obliterate; 3 Drag; 4 Lunacy; 5 Advent; 6 Abstruse; 7 Stay; 11 Astuteness; 13 Restrain; 16 Lessen; 17 Cudgel; 18 Dupe; 20 Most.

Quiz

- Of what is the farad a unit?
- Who created the Secret Seven?
- What do the letters LED stand for?
- Which of the Seven Wonders of the World was found underwater?
- What is the capital of Laos?
- Into which ocean does the Limpopo flow?
- What do we call a mammal of the genus Erinaceus?
- Of what is semiotics the study?
- What is hydrophobia more commonly called?
- Whose play Hedda Gabler was first produced in 1891?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 SS; 2 Moose; 3 Nephew; 4 French Revolutionary; 5 £35,000; 6 Vanwall; 7 Laurel; 8 A computer language; 9 Parsley; 10 Senegal.
Niner: PROVINCES

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a bird,
gives a second bird,
gives a third bird.

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Taste of Greece – on your doorstep

WHETHER it was the warm sunny Sunday afternoon, the party in full swing all around us or simply the layout of the quaint and rustic-looking restaurant we were sat in. . . Whatever it was, we all felt like we had been whisked off to the shores of the Mediterranean. We were in fact in a lovely little Greek restaurant, in the middle of Kingswinford, but with the beautifully-decorated walls and cafe-style layout.

We had driven passed Zendi, in High Street, on numerous occasions and felt it was time to give the place a go. Having never eaten at a Greek restaurant – but having looked at the menu online and realised the food appeared to tick pretty much all the boxes of ingredients we love – we were really looking forward to the experience.

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What we hadn't planned on was arriving in the middle of a celebration, with scores of happy people celebrating the birth of a newborn baby. But for us, however, the celebrations just added to the lovely atmosphere.

My wife, Kelly, had already taken a quick glance online to see what was on offer, but a little warning is needed here – they are not exactly the same, so she was a little disappointed to find the swordfish was no longer on offer. But there was still plenty to choose from.

Before the meals, drinks were ordered. My two-year-old daughter, Annabelle, had a simple blackcurrant squash while we decided to share a bottle of wine.

When the time came to order our food I was left with a dilemma. What to choose when everything looked and smelt so good. Zendi's chefs pride themselves on hand-picking their ingredients, which are delivered fresh, daily, to give customers 'a truly refreshing taste

The lamb kleftico with potatoes and vegetables



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of Greece'. Not knowing how big the portions would be – but knowing we were all very hungry – we ordered a starter each, which we shared.

First was the tzatziki, a famous Greek dip made with yoghurt, shredded cucumber, garlic and mint. It is one of my wife's favourites, plus Annabelle likes anything with yoghurt in it. Vegetarian dolmades, or yalantzi, was my preferred choice, vine leaves stuffed with rice, herbs, vegetable oil and onions, served with a tomato sauce. It was delicious.

My wife opted for the Snack of Crete, grilled crusty

bread rubbed with fresh garlic, served with tomatoes, spring onions, feta cheese, oregano and a dash of olive oil. With the mains we decided to try to eat and drink traditional dishes, I went for the classic kleftiko, fresh leg of lamb on the bone, braised slowly in an oven with fresh vegetables, herbs and red wine until tender.

Kelly decided on the stifado, lean cubes of beef and baby onions, cooked in a casserole and herbs until tender, served with rice or French fries.

There isn't a children's menu as such, instead the restaurant makes recommendations and brings out

smaller versions of the main meals on offer. Finally, it was time for the dessert.

We were all pretty full so we decided to share one – and it was a great decision.

We settled on the Zendi Galaktoboureko, a divine combination of creamy custard and flaky filo dough textures, all wrapped up in a cinnamon and citrus flavoured filling.

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Detached property lies in a popular area

A two-double-bedroomed detached house in a popular area, 86 Platt Street, Hednesford, lies in a popular position, convenient for facilities.

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Warmed by gas central heating, its accommodation briefly comprises a side entrance hall, a lounge, double glazed conservatory, a kitchen and utility room, a dining room, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, gardens and off road parking.

In more detail the lounge has laminate flooring and a double glazed sliding patio access door to the large conservatory. This has ceramic tiled flooring, a light/fan unit and power points.

Being part tiled, the kitchen has an inset stainless steel sink having mixer taps, base units, laminate working surfaces, a wall cupboard, a UPVC double glazed bow window, ceramic tiled flooring, a Baxi gas fired central heating unit and power points.

Having a stainless steel sink, the utility room, has base units, laminate working surfaces, wall cupboards and a storage cupboard and a double glazed window.

The dining room has a double glazed window and a double glazed access door.

Upstairs, the landing has a storage cupboard.

With regards to bedroom one, this bedroom could be re-divided to provide an additional bedroom at reasonable cost if the purchaser requires, said a spokesman for the selling agents. Again this room has double glazed windows.

Bedroom two has a double glazed window.

The half tiled family bathroom has a corner bath having an electric instant shower over, a pedestal hand basin, low flush WC, a double glazed window and an airing cupboard.

Outside, there is a block paved patio, ornamental shrubs, close board fencing, a side paved/gated pedestrian access and a clay paviour drive with a parking area to the front.

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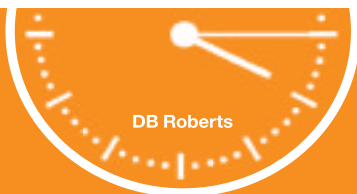


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£74,000

- One Bedroom Apartment • First Floor
- Allocated Parking • Open Plan Living / Dining Room
- Electric Storage Heaters • EPC = D

Station Road Hednesford



£135,000

- Traditional Semi Detached House • Two Reception Rooms
- Stylish Refitted Kitchen • Three Bedrooms & No Chain
- Modernised Throughout • EPC = D

Sandy Lane Rugeley



- Immaculate Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Impressive Breakfast Kitchen
- Ensuite Shower Room To Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- Generous Enclosed Plot
- Lawned and Decked Rear Garden
- EPC = C



£250,000

Lingfield Road Norton Canes



£169,995

- Superbly Presented Semi Detached • Lounge & Dining Room
- Guest WC & Ensuite Shower Room • Three Bedrooms
- Detached Garage & Cul De Sac Location • EPC = D

Langholm Drive Heath Hayes



£180,000

- Three Bed Semi-Detached • Garage & Driveway
- South Facing Rear Garden • Downstairs WC
- Open Plan Lounge Diner & Conservatory • EPC = C

St. Johns Road Cannock



£214,995

- Detached Family Home • Impressive Lounge Diner
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen • Three Bedrooms
- Close To Cannock Town Centre • EPC = E

Mill Street Cannock Centre



£215,000

- Superb Four Bedroom Detached • Recently Renovated
- Refitted En Suite Shower Room • 19ft Conservatory
- No Upward Chain • EPC = D

Belt Road Hednesford



£69,950

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat • 80% Shared Ownership
- Electric Storage Heating • Allocated Parking Space
- Lounge Diner • EPC = C

New Penkridge Road Cannock



£250,000

- Three Bedroom Detached • Kitchen & Separate Utility
- Integral Garage • Driveway
- Garden To The Rear • EPC = E

Lansbury Drive Pye Green



£220,000

- Detached Family House • Four Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen • Utility Room
- Splendid Conservatory • EPC = D

Clover Meadows Heath Hayes



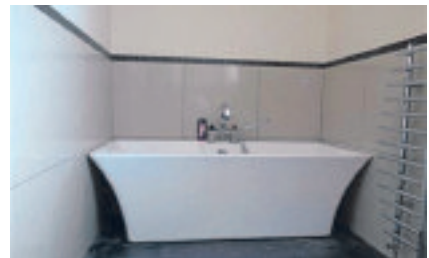
£250,000

- Detached Family Home • Lounge & Open Plan Kitchen
- Conservatory & Downstairs WC • Four Bedrooms
- Sought After Location • EPC = E

Boston Close Heath Hayes



- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Open Plan Kitchen Diner
- Addition of a Utility Area
- Modern Bathroom with Bath & Shower
- Paved Rear Garden for Off Street Parking
- EPC = D



£152,500

Canterbury Way Heath Hayes



£275,000

- Four Bedroom Detached • Family Bathroom and Guest WC
- Garage and Driveway • En Suite to the Master Bedroom
- Cud-de-sac location • EPC = D

Ardgay Drive Hednesford



£285,000

- Detached Family House • Five Bedrooms
- Guest WC & En Suite To Master • Fitted Kitchen With Island
- Integral Garage & Driveway • EPC = TBC



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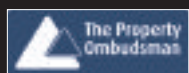
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NEW **CHURCHBRIDGE**
LEACROFT LANE


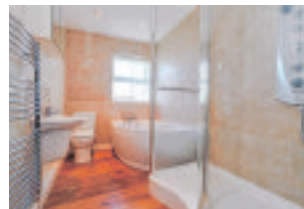







- Entrance,
- Lounge
- Dining Room w
- Kitchen.
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom,
- Rear Garden
- Driveway.

£160,000

NEW **HEDNESFORD**
ANGLESEY STREET

- Deceptively Spacious
- First Floor Apartment
- Hall, Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Double Bedroom
- Communal Garden

£110,000

CANNOCK
CEMETERY ROAD



- Traditional Terraced
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Ideal First Time Buy

£100,000

HEDNESFORD
RAYDEN COURT



- Grd Floor Apartment
- Communal Hall
- Open-Plan Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- NO CHAIN

£75,000

CANNOCK
VICTORIA STREET



- Traditional Semi
- Town
- Centre Location
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom

£135,000

HEATH HAYES
THE HEATH



- Modern Apartment and kitchen
- Secure Gated Access
- Through Hallway
- Open Plan lounge
- Family Bathroom
- 2 Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking

£115,000

NEW **CANNOCK**
ELGAR CLOSE




- Extended semi detached
- Spacious Lounge
- Conservatory
- Second Sitting Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway

ASKING PRICE £135,000


NORTON CANES
CHURCH ROAD

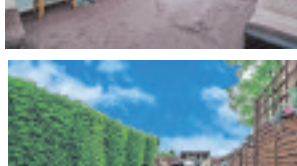



- Traditional Property
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway

£180,000 Offers In the Region

NEW **CANNOCK**
LOVATT PLACE



- Modern Town House
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms
- 2 Parking Spaces
- Gardens

£129,950

HEDNESFORD
COPPERKINS ROAD






- Entrance Porch,
- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge,
- Kitchen Diner,
- Spacious Conservatory,
- Utility and Shower Room.
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom,
- Rear Garden
- Garage

ASKING PRICE £185,000

"Service you expect from the Agent that delivers"

NORTON CANES ASH CLOSE



- Hallway,
- Lounge,
- Kitchen Diner,
- Guest WC.



- Three Bedrooms,
- Bathroom and En-Suite
- Landscaped Gardens and
- Driveway.

£199,950

CANNOCK HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD



- Extended Detached
- Lounge,
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Study, WC
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Ensuite
- Mature Rear Garden

£239,995

CHURCHBRIDGE MYRTLE GLADE



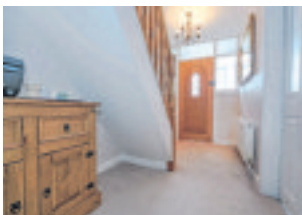
- Modern End Town
- Lounge, WC
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite



- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway
- Viewing Recommended

£187,000

CANNOCK WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD



- Semi Detached
- Entrance Hallway
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Spacious Conservatory

- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway

£210,000

GREAT WYRLEY STATION ROAD



- Traditional Detached
- Many Original Features
- 1 Bed Annex
- 3 Reception Rooms
- 4 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway

£380,000

CANNOCK WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD



- Walking Distance to Town
- Deceptively Spacious
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility Room
- 5 Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Driveway

Offers Over £315,000

CANNOCK WELLINGTON DRIVE



- Detached Bungalow
- Sought After Location
- Hallway, Kitchen
- Lounge, Study



- 2/3 Bedrooms
- Garage
- Landscaped Garden
- Driveway

£259,950

HEDNESFORD VALLEY ROAD



- Deceptively Spacious
- Hall, Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory



- 2 Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Garage
- Quiet Location

£160,000

HEATH HAYES CAPERCAILLIE DRIVE



- 3 Bed Town House
- Popular Location
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- No Chain

£165,000

CANNOCK WALHOUSE STREET



- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge, Dining Room,
- Kitchen,
- Four Bedrooms



- Refitted Bathroom,
- En-Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden,
- Detached Double Garage

£220,000

GREAT WYRLEY HUT HILL LANE



- Stunning Bungalow
- Totally Refurbished
- 2 Large Reception Rooms
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

- Large Breakfast Kitchen
- Detached Garage
- Jacuzzi Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£425,000

CANNOCK PYE GREEN ROAD



- Traditional Property
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- 4 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking
- Rear Garden

£135,000

HUNTINGTON VIOLET CLOSE



- Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge Diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Garden

£100,000

HEDNESFORD HILL STREET



- 4 Bed Detached
- Hallway
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner



- Utility, WC
- Garage
- Refitted Bathroom
- Driveway

£249,950

SALES LETTINGS MANAGEMENT AUCTIONS SURVEYS COMMERCIAL EPC's

BELLA VISTA, COLEY LANE, LITTLE HAYWOOD



RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION

Occupying Flexible 3/4 Bedroomed Accommodation Occupying Private Gardens In An Elevated Position With Views to Cannock Chase Located On The Edge On This Popular Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen/dining/family/ garden room
- ◆ Bedroom 4/study
- ◆ Three first floor bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- ◆ Private gardens
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (86)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

49 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK



NO CHAIN

IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in popular Position Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Side entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating Ibc

£139,950 LEASEHOLD

HORSEFAIR COTTAGE, 90 BELLBROOK PENKRIDGE



AN OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE THIS CHARACTERFUL PROPERTY

HORSEFAIR COTTAGE - THREE BEDROOMED REFURBISHED CHARACTERFUL SEMI DETACHED COTTAGE

88 HALING ROAD - TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED COTTAGE OF CHARACTER

BUILDING PLOT - WITH PLANNING PERMISSION FOR 3/4 BEDROOMED DETACHED RESIDENCE

LOCATED WITHIN CONSERVATION AREA OF THIS MUCH SOUGHT AFTER SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE VILLAGE

WITH GROUNDS EXTENDING TO APPROXIMATELY 0.38 OF AN ACRE

PRICE £765,000 FREEHOLD

86 PLATT STREET, HEDNESFORD



NO CHAIN

TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR POSITION Convenient For Access To Facilities

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Kitchen and utility room
- ◆ Dining room/possible bedroom 3
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating F (34)

£166,950 FREEHOLD

GANLLWYD COTTAGE, PARKSIDE LANE, HATHERTON



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED COTTAGE REPUTEDLY DATING FROM THE LATE 18TH CENTURY AND CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED IN THE 1970'S

Occupying Well Stocked Grounds Extending to Approx 0.2 Of An Acre Located In Much Sought After Rural Greenbelt Position Close to Cannock Chase

- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Utility Room & cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Extensive off road parking & well stocked gardens
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating F (37)

£399,950 FREEHOLD

9 WHITGREAVE LANE, RUGELEY



IMPROVED AND EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located in Popular Position Within Reach Of Facilities Locally

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ L-shaped breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Off road parking (at rear)
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating E (52)

£120,000 FREEHOLD

13 BERWICK DRIVE, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA OF THE TOWN Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room and separate toilet
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (72)

£154,950 FREEHOLD

IVY HOUSE BARN, SLINDON, ECCLESHALL



DETACHED THREE BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION RESIDENCE OFFERING CHARACTERFUL WELL EQUIPPED FAMILY ACCOMMODATION AND EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES INCLUDING STABLE BLOCK WITH TACK ROOM, MENAGE, GARAGE AND SECURE OFF ROAD PARKING TOGETHER WITH ORNAMENTAL GARDENS AND PADDOCKS EXTENDING TO APPROXIMATELY 7.9 ACRES CONVENIENT FOR FACILITIES AT ECCLESHALL

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- ◆ Secure off road parking
- ◆ Detached double garage
- ◆ Five stables, tack room and menage
- ◆ Gardens and paddocks to 7.9 of an acre approx
- ◆ EPC rating E (45)

£765,000 FREEHOLD

16 LISSIMORE DRIVE, TIPTON



NEW PRICE

TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT Located In This Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby and reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Communal grounds
- ◆ Allocated parking in secure parking area
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating C (74)

£78,000

RIDGEWOOD MEADOW Ridgewood Homes LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD, WS12 1JB



EACH PROPERTY WILL INCLUDE:

- ◆ HIGH QUALITY SANITARY WARE
- ◆ GAS FIRED CENTRAL HEATING
- ◆ FULLY DOUBLE GLAZED
- ◆ OFF ROAD PARKING FOR 2 VEHICLES
- ◆ INTRUDER ALARM
- ◆ FITTED KITCHEN

◆ 10 YEAR NHBC WARRANTY ◆

PLOT	TYPE	BEDS	TENURE	PRICE	AVAILABILITY
1	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	2	FREEHOLD	N/A	RETAINED
2	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	2	FREEHOLD	N/A	RETAINED
3	DETACHED HOUSE	2	FREEHOLD	£164,950	AVAILABLE
4	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	3	FREEHOLD	£167,950	AVAILABLE
5	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	3	FREEHOLD	£167,950	SALE AGREED
6	DETACHED HOUSE	3	FREEHOLD	£185,000	SALE AGREED

29 KENT PLACE, HEATH HAYES



NO CHAIN

SEMI DETACHED ONE BEDROOMED BUNGALOW Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Heath Hayes Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Bedroom
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Possible garage space/off road parking
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (64)

£114,950 FREEHOLD

THE OAKLANDS, 6 KENDERDINE CLOSE, BEDNALL



NO CHAIN

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE ENJOYING VIEWS OVER GREENBELT FARMLAND TO REAR

In Popular Cul-De-Sac On The Edge Of This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Three reception rooms
- ◆ Refitted kitchen and utility
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Landscaped private rear gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed and intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating C (72)

£599,950 FREEHOLD

4 BALMORAL COURT, BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD



NO CHAIN

GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED FLAT Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Enclosed porch
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Communal grounds
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (74)

£84,950 For 90% Share

40 ANSTY DRIVE, HEATH HAYES



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED LINKED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Position Close to Cannock Chase

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (55)

£199,950 FREEHOLD

566 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, RAWNSLEY



NO CHAIN

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTERWAR PERIOD Located In Popular Position Close to Cannock Chase

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens and garage space
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (56)

£149,950 FREEHOLD



8%

+ VAT

MANAGEMENT FEE

Subject to Set-up Fee of £250 inc Vat

No Let - No Fee - No Hidden Extras

SALES

LETTINGS

MANAGEMENT

AUCTIONS

SURVEYS

COMMERCIAL

EPC's

18 BLACKHAM ROAD, ASHMORE PARK, WEDNESFIELD



TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge & dining area
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Side porch & utility area
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- ◆ EPC rating: D (58)

£550pcm

4 BRADBURY COURT, HEDNESFORD



FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Reception hall & cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage and gardens
- ◆ Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DD
- ◆ EPC rating D (59)

£825pcm

10 SPIRES CROFT, SHARESHILL



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted open plan dining kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted en-suite shower room
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Well stocked mature gardens
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (64)

£1300pcm

17 HIGHFIELD AVENUE, BURNTWOOD



THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge/dining room
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Side verandah
- ◆ Bathroom & separate WC
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

£695pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD



WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Bedroom
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

APARTMENT 4 MANOR COURT, 7A TANHOUSE FARM ROAD, SOLIHULL



WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Communal grounds
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (73)

£625pcm

34 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge/dining room
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Large gardens
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (62)

£625pcm

3 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets, DSS or sharers
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

£550pcm

8 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE



WELL APPOINTED THREE BEDROOM THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Communal parking & grounds
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (76)

£775pcm

50 GLADSTONE ROAD, HEATH HAYES



WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (66)

£695pcm

232 HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED AND PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gardens & off road parking to the rear
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

£595pcm

2 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Enclosed rear terrace
- ◆ Communal grounds & parking
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (71)

£695pcm (Plus Service Charge)

3 PARK STREET, CHESLYN HAY



WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

8 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED MID MEWS HOUSE

- ◆ Built To A High Specification Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre And Cannock Train Station
- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: B (84)

£600pcm

9A COPPICE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Landscaped gardens
- ◆ Carport & extensive off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (64)

£775pcm

NO.4 SANDY COURT, 3 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED LUXURY TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT

- ◆ Lounge/dining/kitchen area
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Luxury bathroom
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Security gated access
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (79)

£595pcm

11 VICTORIA TERRACE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN



WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS SECOND FLOOR FLAT

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Allocated secure parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

1 CLOCK MEWS, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION

- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Inner hall
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Communal grounds & parking
- ◆ EPC rating: C (69)

£650pcm (Plus Service Charge)

44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Separate WC
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating C (71)

£495pcm

76 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME

- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
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- ◆ Security alarm
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: N/A

£500pcm

339 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

5 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK



TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Communal hall, stairs and landing
- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- ◆ Security phone intercom & allocated parking
- ◆ No DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating C (79)

£495pcm

48 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage
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LOT 2

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- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ In need of refurbishment
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (39)

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LOT 3

226 CANNOCK ROAD, WEDNESFIELD, WV10 8PW
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

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- ◆ In popular location ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Kitchen ◆ Conservatory
- ◆ Three bedrooms ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
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LOT 4

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LOT 5

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- ◆ Ripe for immediate development

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LOT 6

159 STAFFORD ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 4AL
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Good size inner terraced house
- ◆ Needing some refurbishment
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (56)

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LOT 7

12 WARREN CLOSE, RAWNSLEY, CANNOCK, WS12 0JY
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

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LOT 8A

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- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (66)

GUIDE PRICE £60,000-£70,000

LOT 9

LAND TO REAR OF 174/176 BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD, WS12 4JA
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Freehold residential building land
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LOT 10

79 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 1AP
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- ◆ Two storey maisonette in popular residential development
- ◆ Two bedrooms ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Double glazing
- ◆ In need of improvement
- ◆ Close to facilities at the town centre
- ◆ EPC rating D (67)

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LOT 11


LAND 7 HILL STREET, HEDNESFORD, WS12 1SJ
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- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Two bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens front and rear
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating C

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- Utility/guest wc
- NO CHAIN
- Must be viewed
- EPC rating D

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- Large corner plot
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining area
- Refitted kitchen, conservatory
- Refitted bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden, driveway
- Side garden, NO CHAIN
- EPC Rating D

£175,000

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- A spacious four bedroom detached
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- Lounge and dining room
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- Master bedroom with en suite
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- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, driveway
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- Intercom Entrance
- Must be Viewed
- EPC rating D

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- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- EPC rating C

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- Kitchen/diner
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- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, garage and driveway
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- Family bathroom
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Enclosed rear garden
- Driveway to fore
- Cannock Centre location
- Viewing highly recommended

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CANNOCK WELLINGTON DRIVE



- Detached two bedroom bungalow
- Breakfast kitchen
- Lounge, entrance hallway
- Gas central heating/double glazed
- Family bathroom, loft room
- Garage with driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating
- Viewing Essential

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- A three bedroom bungalow
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- Shower room
- Kitchen
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- LOUNGE/DINER
- THREE GOOD BEDROOMS
- GARAGE
- GARDENS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED

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- GARAGE
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- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

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- LONG LEASE

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- Lounge
- Front Garden
- Rear Garden
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- No Upward Chain

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- No Upward Chain

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- Gas Central Heating System

£200,000

NEW PRICE



Kenmore Avenue, Hednesford

- Corner Plot In Small Cul-de-Sac
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Could Be Split into 4 Bed
- Spacious Lounge / Dining Room

- Fitted Kitchen & Utility
- En-suite Shower Room & Bathroom

£188,000



Teddesley Way, Huntington

- Three Bed Detached
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- TWO BEDROOMS
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- PRIVATE BALCONY F
- NO CHAIN INVOLVED

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NEW PRICE



Price Street, Cannock

- In Need Of Modernisation
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Establish Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms

Offers Over £110,000



Newhall Street, Cannock

- Semi Detached
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Close to Town

£110,000



Cavans Wood Park, Huntington

- Park Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating

£110,000



Station Road, Hednesford

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- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
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- Close To Train Station

£110,000



Lichfield Road, Stafford

- In Need Of Modernisation, Cash Buyer Only
- Spacious Three Storey Home Rear Garden
- Close To Town
- 3 Bedrooms (EPC - F)
- Three Reception Rooms None
- Shower Room & Bathroom

£95,000



Woodford End, Chaddmoor

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- EPC - C

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- Good size lounge
- Two bedrooms
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- £510pcm sorry no DSS & no pets



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- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower
- Off road parking
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- Semi detached bungalow
- Lounge with doors to garden
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- Double bedroom
- Available now.
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- Modern terrace house
- Lounge with gas fire
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- Parking
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- £625pcm Sorry no dss and no pets



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Conservatory
Off Road Parking
EPC D

Huntington Terrace Road, Cannock

NEW



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- Extended Detached House 4
- Prime Village Location 1
- Conservatory
- Front Side & Rear Gardens E

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- Countryside views
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- Conservatory
- No Upward Chain

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- Extended Bungalow 2
- In Need Of Modernisation 1
- Sought After Location
- No Upward Chain

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- Garage & Driveway

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Three bedroom period property / Highly sought after location / Several reception rooms / Charming private rear garden / Larger than average garage and driveway with off road parking

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£275,000

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Spacious & superbly maintained four bedroom detached house / Set on modern sought after development / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Large breakfast kitchen / En-suite to master

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CANNOCK



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Pine View RUGELEY



Three bedroom semi detached house / Entrance porch / Open plan kitchen-diner / Shared driveway with access to rear garage / Parking space / Lawn offering further parking

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Three bedroom semi detached house / Modern fitted open plan breakfast kitchen / Two further reception rooms / Low maintenance private rear garden.

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£169,950



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£150,000



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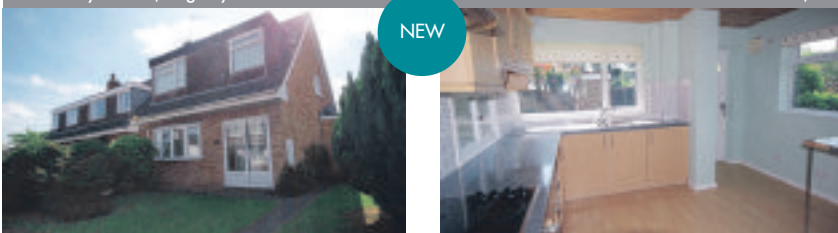


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High Street, Colton

£234,950

SOLD



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Highland Way, Rugeley

£164,950

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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom link detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Porch, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility Room. Landing to Three bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

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SOLD



● JR Properties are pleased to market this four bedroom detached family home, situated in a cul de sac WITH NO CHAIN. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Bedroom Four, Dining Room, Lounge and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Garden

Devonshire Drive, Rugeley

£163,000

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Porch, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, Lounge to Inner Hallway leading to Four Bedrooms and Bathroom. Detached Garage with parking and good sized Gardens with open aspect to front

Heather Close, Brereton

£159,950

NEW PRICE



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom link detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Situated in a quiet cul de sac. Accommodation having Entrance Porch, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Inner Hallway, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway to Carport/Garage and Garden to rear

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- Garden, Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS/Pets

£575 pcm

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- Lounge, Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Driveway
- Garage
- GCH & DG
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575

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- GCH/DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets

£600 pcm

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- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Gardens
- EPC

£600 pcm

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WORDSWORTH CLOSE, ARMITAGE

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- Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room
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- Re-Fitted Shower Room, Double Garage
- Generous Gardens, Space for NO CHAIN

£220,000 NO CHAIN

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEDON

NO CHAIN

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£215,000

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Spacious Semi Detached
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- Communal Gardens
- Ideal Location

£142,500

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

- A Spacious Semi Detached House
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- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
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£120,000 No Chain

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Here is a car whose dramatic contours make the old one look like a primary school student's doodle.

Add some orange paint as an extra – and top it up with the same colour splashed around the interior – and here is a car that wants to be noticed, in a good way.

You sense Nissan must have been stung by reaction to the previous car; so put out that this time it had got to get it right.

And it has.

Here is a small family hatch absolutely ready again to mix it with the best tiddlers out there, from VW Polo to Ford Fiesta. You couldn't have said that a year ago.

Dig deeper than those standout looks (with concealed handles for the rear doors adding to a coupe-like feel) and you discover a car that makes you look forward to the next drive. Not so many do that.

You can enjoy most of the new Micra's fun factor from £11,995, which starts the range off with a

998cc petrol engine but the clever money is on a smaller 898cc unit that actually produces more power and is nicer to drive – and costs from £13,915.

Swing up to the top of the range and you discover the test car, resplendent in extra cost orange inside and out and powered by a Nissan-derived 1.5 litre diesel engine.

Choice

That adds a hefty £1,330 to the price and won't be a sensible choice for most Micra owners, who do modest mileages and wouldn't recoup the extra investment in improved economy.

For those few who spend great tracts of their time at the wheel the diesel's economy will seduce – driving briskly couldn't force the dash readout below 66mpg and a touch of restraint soon sent it over 70mpg.

Whichever engine is doing the work, the new Micra feels alert and nimble, the sort of car a deeply un-techie owner will enjoy driving even if they don't know why (it's the way it turns crisply into corners, should you ask).

There's a big, deep boot but the rear seat, with seatbelts for three, is a snug fit if the front row pair are pushed too far back.

This most expensive model comes

with good looking 17 ins alloy wheels but their low profile tyres make the ride choppy over badly maintained surfaces. The smaller wheels (and more resilient tyres) of lesser versions ought to make things smoother.

But dismiss the practicalities for a moment. The £575-worth of Energy Orange metallic paint and another £400 for an orange interior personalisation pack turned a handsome car into a real looker.

People who have no interest in cars (shockingly, there are some) said how smart the car looked, inside and out. That happens with the odd Bentley on test but rarely on something in the Micra's orbit.

The Tekna grade test car came dripping with kit, from sat nav and air con and heated front seats to a Bose sound system with two speakers in the driver's seat headrest (yes, really) and rear view camera and parking sensors.

Like every new Micra it also has a safety pack that's an option in some other countries but let's the car score a top five star safety rating when fitted.

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All-new Swift has summer finance and loyalty offers

By Sharon Walters

The all-new Swift is now on sale and Suzuki is pleased to announce the availability of its attractive PCP finance offers.

Personal Contract Purchase is an ideal way for customers to take delivery of a new Suzuki with a very low deposit and low monthly payments too.

Suzuki Financial Services is also offering a £500 deposit allowance with 2.9 per cent APR finance on SZ-T and SZ5 two wheel drive models until the end of June.

Taking an SZ-T with 1.0 Boosterjet engine as an example with the £500 deposit allowance on offer, no further deposit is required and payments are then spread over 48 months at £185 per month with an APR of just 2.9 per cent.

Monthly payments can be lowered to £159 per month for the SZ-T if a small deposit of £1,163 is made. As with any PCP agreement, an optional final payment is required to keep the car which for this model is £4,645.

Moving to the top of the range SZ5 1.0-litre Boosterjet 2WD with the £500 deposit allowance, just £1,305 is all that is needed as a customer deposit followed by 48 monthly payments of £179 and an APR of 2.9 per cent. The optional final payment for this model is £5,153.



Good deals but only until the end of June!

For even greater fuel efficiency, the SZ5 2WD with manual transmission is equipped as standard with SHVS (Smart Hybrid Vehicle by Suzuki) as standard. In situations that require higher fuel use, such as when starting from a standstill or accelerating, SHVS helps suppress fuel consumption by providing electric motor assist using electricity generated through regenerative braking. Because the system uses a belt drive rather than a conventional starter motor to restart the engine after an engine stop it allows for a quiet and smooth start.

The six speed automatic transmission equipped SZ5 is also included in the low rate and deposit allowance offers with a customer deposit of £1,543 required followed by 48 monthly payments of £199.

Suzuki has introduced a new and comprehensive Accessories programme to enable customers to fully personalise their new Swift. As an introductory offer Suzuki will contribute £500 towards these to all existing Suzuki car owners. The only stipulation is that customers must have had a Suzuki car in the same household for at least 90 days and the accessories are ordered at point of purchase.

Standard equipment for all Swift models in the range is comprehensive and the SZ3 model with 1.2-litre Dualjet engine and manual transmission includes six airbags, air conditioning, leather steering wheel, DAB radio with Bluetooth and four speakers, rear privacy glass, LED daytime running lights, 15-inch wheels, body coloured door mirrors and front electric windows.

Pricing:

1.2-litre SZ3 Dualjet – manual transmission, £10,999

1.0-litre SZ-T Boosterjet – manual transmission, £12,999

1.0-litre SZ5 Boosterjet SHVS – manual transmission, £14,499

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Suzuki's new Swift is a pretty looker

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Official Fuel Consumption Figures for the Suzuki range mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km).

Suzuki Baleno range: Urban from 44.8 (6.3) to 60.1 (4.7), extra urban from 68.8 (4.1) to 78.4 (3.6), combined from 57.6 (4.9) to 70.6 (4.0). Official CO₂ emissions from 115-94g/km.

Suzuki SX4 S-Cross range: Urban 42.1-61.4 (6.7-4.6), Extra urban 54.3-74.3 (5.2-3.8), Combined 49.5-68.8 (5.7-4.1). CO₂ emissions 128-106g/km.

Suzuki Vitara range: Urban 42.1-61.4 (6.7-4.6), Extra Urban 55.4-76.3 (5.1-3.7), Combined 49.5-70.6 (5.7-4.0). CO₂ emissions 131-106 g/km.

Suzuki Ignis range: Urban from 51.3 (5.5) to 57.6 (4.9), Extra Urban from 64.2 (4.4) to 70.6 (4.0), Combined from 60.1 (4.7) to 65.7 (4.3). Official CO₂ emissions 106-97g/km.

Suzuki Swift range: Urban 41.5-46.3 (6.8-6.1), Extra urban 57.6-64.2 (4.9-4.4), Combined 50.4-56.5 (5.6-5.0). CO₂ emissions 128g-116g/km.

Suzuki Celerio range: Urban 55.3-55.3 (5.1-5.1), Extra Urban 76.3-76.3 (3.7-3.7), Combined 65.7-65.7 (4.3-4.3), CO₂ emissions 99-99 g/km.

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The all-new Kia Stonic is an eye-catching and confident compact crossover, and is set to become an important conquest model for Kia in one of Europe's newest and fastest-growing vehicle segments.

The B-SUV segment currently accounts for 1.1 million new car sales in Europe each year – around seven per cent of the market – and is forecast to expand to more than two million annual sales by 2020.

Michael Cole, chief operating officer of Kia Motors Europe, comments: "The Kia Stonic will be one of the most compelling new cars in this rapidly-expanding class, backed by Kia's unique warranty, and the brand's reputation for reliability, quality and contemporary design. As the segment expands, the Stonic looks set to become one of our best-selling cars."

"By volume, the B-SUV market is expected to overtake the C-SUV segment by 2020, when more than one in ten new cars sold in Europe will be from the Stonic's segment. The B-SUV segment attracts buyers from across the spectrum, with 21 per cent of all customers upsizing from a supermini, and another 15 per cent downsizing from their family hatchbacks. Cars like the Stonic also appeal to those looking to replace their compact MPVs."



There's a 352-litre boot with a two step floor

The design of the car is one of the brand's most striking to date, yet it is immediately recognisable as a Kia thanks to key signature design elements, such as the 'tiger-nose' grille. Designed in Europe, in collaboration with Kia's Korean design studio, the body blends sharp horizontal feature lines with softer sculpted surfaces. Individuality is important to many customers in the B-SUV segment, and the Stonic's 'Targa'-style roof enables buyers to choose a two-tone paint finish, inspired by the design of the 2013 Kia Provo concept. It will be available in Europe with up to 20 two-tone colour combinations, with a choice of up to five distinctive colours for the roof.

A range of lightweight, downsized, turbocharged petrol and diesel engines are available, each with a manual transmission. There's a choice of Kia's lightweight 1.0-litre T-GDI (turbocharged gasoline direct injection) engine, producing 120 ps, as well as 1.25- or 1.4-litre naturally-aspirated MPI (multi-point injection) petrol engines. An efficient 1.6-litre diesel engine completes the range, offering the lowest emissions in the line-up.

The car's European-tuned steering and suspension are designed to offer an exciting drive. The car is fitted as standard with Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and Vehicle Stability Management (VSM), ensuring the front-wheel drive Stonic remains enjoyable and confidence-inspiring to drive in all conditions.

The Stonic's European-designed cabin places technology and ergonomics at its heart, offering buyers as much potential for individuality as the exterior with a range of vivid colour packs to choose from. It provides infotainment technologies designed to enhance safety, comfort and convenience. The car gets Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ as standard, bringing smartphone functionality to the touchscreen infotainment system. Like other Kia models, it is available with a broad range of technologies to enhance comfort and convenience, including heated front seats and cruise control.

The car offers class-leading shoulder room and generous leg- and head-room, while the versatile 352-litre (VDA) boot has a two-step boot floor.

Buyers can choose from a selection of Kia's Drive WISE Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) to further enhance active safety. These technologies include Autonomous Emergency Braking with pedestrian recognition and Forward Collision Alert; Blind Spot Detection with Rear Cross Traffic Alert; and Lane Departure Warning System. Backed by a new fusion camera system, Stonic offers High Beam Assist and Driver Attention Warning to further satisfy the safety needs of customers.

Backed by Kia's quality promise, the car will be sold as standard with the company's unique seven-year, 100,000 mile warranty. It goes on sale across Europe during the third quarter of 2017.



Sporty top model of Octavia range is even more powerful



LED technology on the rear lights

The sporty top model of Škoda's bestselling range is now even more powerful, dynamic and emotive.

The new top variant, the Škoda Octavia vRS 245, is available as a hatchback and a combi. The 2.0 TSI engine produces 245 PS and allows the car to sprint from 0 to 62 mph in 6.6 seconds; 6.7 seconds for the estate. New lighting systems ensure even greater safety.

Thanks to an integrated Wi-Fi hotspot, occupants can be 'always online'. Numerous driver assistance systems improve comfort and safety in the car. The space available remains unsurpassed.

Here is an overview of the most important new features, highlights and information.

● **GENERAL:** The most powerful Octavia in Škoda's history. Numerous exterior and interior features and details emphasise the sporty and dynamic focus. Practicality of a family vehicle, dynamics of a sports car.

● **EXTERIOR DESIGN:** The brand's new face with a particularly sporty expression and numerous detailed solutions. Tailor-made dynamic body. Radiator grille's vertical slats and frame in gloss black.

● **INTERIOR DESIGN:** Predominantly black interior with high-quality materials. Alcantara® sports seats with high sides and integrated headrests for safe support. Driver's seat: electrically adjustable, lumbar support, memory function for up to three. Multifunction sports steering wheel with perforated leather and integrated steering



Headlights have been redesigned

wheel paddles, heated version optional. Colour Maxi-Dot display integrated into instrument cluster. LED interior ambient lighting that can be set to one of 10 colours.

● **INTERIOR SPACE:** Typical of Škoda: generous dimensions and luxuriously spacious. Rear kneeroom 73 mm, elbow room 1,454 mm in front and 1,449 in rear. Boot capacity (hatchback): 590 l (1,580 l with folded rear seats). Estate: 610 l (1,740 l with folded rear seats).

● **ENGINES:** Fastest and most powerful Škoda Octavia ever. Four-cylinder TSI petrol with 245 PS = 15 PS more than the current most powerful variant. Maximum torque of 370 Nm from 1,600 to 4,300 rpm. Choice of 6-speed manual or 7-speed DSG gearbox. From 0 to 62 mph: hatchback 6.6 seconds, Combi 6.7 seconds. Top speed electronically limited to 155 mph. Fuel consumption: 44.1 mpg for 7-speed DSG variant.

● **CHASSIS:** ESC stability system with Sport mode and electronically regulated VAQ limited-slip differential as standard. Allows for particularly dynamic acceleration when exiting bends. Performance Mode Select with Performance Sound Generator function enables individual adjustment of drive, chassis and comfort settings. Optional adaptive Dynamic Chassis Control.

● **LED LIGHTING SYSTEMS:** Redesigned headlights in a crystalline look. As standard: full-LED technology and AFS adaptive front light system. Fog, tail and number plate lights with LED technology and crystalline appearance. Optional integrated cornering function. Brand-typical C-shaped tail lights have the appearance of homogeneous lighting surfaces.

● **DRIVER ASSISTANCE SYSTEMS:** Range far exceeds usual compact level including: Predictive Pedestrian Protection, Blind Spot Detect, Rear Traffic Alert, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Assist, Driver Alert fatigue detection, Travel Assist, Manoeuvre Assist, Park Assist 3.0, Hill-Hold Control and High Beam Assist.

● **INFOTAINMENT SYSTEMS:** Four hardware components: Swing (as standard) and Bolero music systems, Amundsen and Columbus navigation infotainment. Special welcome screen. Capacitive touch displays respond to the lightest touch. Displays of Bolero, Amundsen and Columbus infotainment systems.

● **ŠKODA CONNECT:** Mobile online services complement the infotainment. Occupants can be 'always online' using the integrated Wi-Fi hotspot, and the system offers real-time online navigation with alternative routes. Care Connect with auto Emergency Call is activated when a restraint system has been deployed. A breakdown call can be made at the press of a button. Navigation destinations can be transferred to the vehicle online. A list of petrol stations (including prices) along the route can be displayed. Other services, such as the parking spaces, news, and weather services, provide tailored information.

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MOTURING

Hyundai unveils its new compact SUV, the Kona

Joining the Tucson and Santa Fe in the company's range of SUVs, the Kona is designed to take on the likes of Nissan's Juke and is scheduled to arrive in the UK in late October.

The exterior has been given a variety of dramatic styling touches, from slim daytime running lights at the front of the car to contrasting black 'armour' designed to protect it and give it a more dynamic look.

Euisun Ching, vice chairman of Hyundai Motor Company, said: "With the Kona, we have created a stylish and highly functional compact SUV, perfectly suited to the needs of customers who pursue challenging, action-filled lifestyles."

"We aim to set new standards for the compact SUV segment, with appealing design, cutting-edge connectivity and class-leading safety features."

Inside, the Kona benefits from a large infotainment screen that has been designed to 'float' above the dashboard, giving a better sense of interior space. This system will be available with a five-, seven- or eight-inch display, and will incorporate smartphone connectivity options, such as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. The underfloor layout of the car has also been extensively worked upon, so that, despite being four-wheel-drive, there's plenty of room for all passengers. The rear seats fold flat



The Kona is designed to take on the likes of the Nissan Juke

to provide better practicality levels, too.

Offered with a choice of two turbocharged, small-capacity petrol engines, the Kona should be economical as well as fun to drive.

The first is a 1.0-litre unit linked to a six-speed manual transmission, while the second is a larger 1.6-litre turbocharged engine driven through a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic.

An optional four-wheel-drive system will be available, while refinement levels should be impressive thanks to a MacPherson front-strut system and new sub-frame bush mountings.

A host of safety features will also be included in the Kona, including forward collision avoidance assist (FCA), lane keeping assist and driver attention warning.

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BISHOP

Allan

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and Friends and not
forgetting Charlie.

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PUGH

Vera

Of Mosswood Street.

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Maurice

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THE world famous Harlem Globetrotters bring their spectacular show to the Genting Arena, Birmingham as part of their 2018 world tour.

They will be in Birmingham on Friday, May 18 as they enter their 93rd season of entertaining fans.

Proving once again to be a busy year for the Globetrotters the current 2017 World Tour sees them play in over 250 North American markets and 30 countries worldwide.

Only one year after setting seven official Guinness World Records titles, the Globetrotters broke a single-day total of nine records in 2016, including the longest basketball hook shot, longest basketball shot blindfolded, most basketball three-pointers made by a pair in one minute, and longest blindfolded basketball hook-shot.

During their 2018 World Tour, the famed team will feature a star-studded roster that includes Big Easy Lofton, Ant Atkinson, Hi-Lite Bruton, Thunder Law, Bull Bullard and Cheese Chisholm – plus female stars TNT Lister and Ace Jackson.

Tickets for the Genting Arena date have gone on general sale from from www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222.

Second City slickers have rivals on ropes

BCB Promotions return to Birmingham next month with their five-fight Professional Boxing Dinner Show – Second City Slickers.

Former WBC International Super Bantamweight Champion and English Super Bantamweight king Sean Davis is back in action on the July 22 card.

'Showtime' lost his WBC strap to Gamal Yafai in a hotly-anticipated local derby at the Barclaycard Arena last month.

The 27-year-old Brummie will be looking to finish the season on a high as he looks to go again next term.

Undeclared Birmingham super welterweight Jordan Clayton (6-0) also features. The 23-year-old defeated Nick Golubs last time out on the same show at the Barclaycard Arena.

Having secured an International Challenge belt, Clayton has his eyes on a British strap this time around.

Joining Davis and Clayton are a trio of debutants – all from Birmingham. Super welterweight Ashley Silver, cruiserweight Matt Sen, and heavy-weight Nathan Stevens all feature.

Tickets are £65 VIP to include a two-course meal or £35 standard, unserved seating. Call 07964 984 445.

Tai thanks fans for support after burglary

WOLVERHAMPTON speedway ace Tai Woffinden has thanked all his fans who have rallied round he and his wife Faye after they were burgled.

The burglary took place at their new home near East Midlands Airport when Woffinden was racing in the Mitas Czech Republic FIM Speedway Grand Prix in Prague. Pregnant Faye was at her parents' home watching on TV. Woffinden estimates £20,000 worth of personal belongings were taken – and it could have been worse. "Personally I think they were disturbed when Faye got home," he said. "It's naturally a horrible time, particularly for Faye when I'm away racing. I was so angry when I was told about it. Thanks to all the fans who have sent messages of support through social media, once again they have proved how special they are."

Woffinden, who won the Elite League with Wolves last year and remains an asset of the Monmore Green outfit, managed to put the raid to the back of his mind as he continued his fine league form.

The day after the burglary – he scored 13 from five races in Worclaw's 51-39 Polish League win over Leszno. Three days later he carded 11+1 from five in the Swedish League as Masarna beat Piraterna 54-36.



Woakes before the Champions Trophy game against Bangladesh



England's Chris Woakes celebrates his dismissal of Mohammad Amir

This humble all-rounder is realising his potential

HIS Champions Trophy campaign may have ended just three overs into the tournament, but Great Barr's Chris Woakes is still hoping to make an impact on the game this summer.

The all-rounder told of his frustration after being ruled out of the one-day tournament – won by Pakistan at the weekend – early in the first game against Bangladesh after suffering a side strain.

He faces a race against time to be fit for the first of this summer's Test matches against South Africa on July 6.

However, the humble 28-year-old is still determined to have a big say.

"Hopefully I can be a part of the majority of it, if not all of it," he said. "There are some really important Test matches to come."

"These are exciting times."

According to those who know him best, the all-rounder was stunned almost into silence upon learning he had been bought by the Kolkata Knight Riders in the Indian Premier League auction for a figure just shy of half a million pounds.

Modest

Compared to the £1.7million spent on England team-mate Ben Stokes by the wonderfully-monikered Rising Pune Supergiants, it appears a rather modest amount.

Not that it bothers Woakes in the slightest, allowing him as it does the opportunity to write the next chapter in a career which has in the past 12 months begun to hit the heights long anticipated.

That Woakes was a cricketer of considerable potential was evident from the moment he broke through the ranks at Warwickshire, topping the county's bowling averages in 2008 at the age of just 19.

International call-ups inevitably followed, first as part of the limited overs set-up and then, in 2013, at Test level.

But as has been the case with so many others who shone in the county game, finding his feet in the international arena took time.

Even as late as this time last year, it remained unclear whether his potential would ever be fulfilled.

SPORTING MEMORIES

By Matt Maher

"There are always going to be ups and downs but last summer was an up. I think my game has matured. The more that you are exposed to international cricket, the more you adapt"

Those questions have now been emphatically answered.

"It was a breakthrough year," admits Woakes. "I'd had a tricky time of it in South Africa during the winter of 2015, when things did not go as well as I would have liked. I got back to Warwickshire and just hit the ground running."

That last sentence belongs firmly in understatement category.

An injury to Stokes opened the door for Woakes and he headed to the second Test from Sri Lanka last May fresh from taking career best figures of 9-36 in a County Championship game with Durham.

Five wickets followed as England romped home to victory. What had proven so tough before suddenly came naturally and Woakes has never looked back.

"It almost snowballed out of control really," he laughs. It's the sort of form you want to bottle and take everywhere with you.

"There are always going to be ups and downs but last summer was an up. I think my game has matured. The more you are exposed to international cricket, the more you adapt."

"There are very few who go into it and boss it from day one. Having those tasters, in and out, was definitely good for me."

"I feel like my game has improved to the stage when I can perform at that level. I am more confi-

dent. I have a belief in myself that I am good enough to do it."

That belief was tested in India as Woakes tasted the IPL phenomenon for the first time. Eoin Morgan, England's limited overs captain, provided a useful source of advice.

"I tapped up Eoin Morgan, who has been there for many years," says Woakes. "I think he has done four or five tournaments."

"I asked him what to expect, pick his brains about how to go about it. I think every team, every franchise, does things a little differently."

"It is one of those experiences that until you get out there and put yourself in the pressure environment, you don't know how you are going to handle it."

The success of Twenty20 is threatening to change the shape of cricket forever and everyone has an opinion on the ECB's plans to introduce a similar style tournament to IPL to the English game.

It is, as Warwickshire sporting director Ashley Giles so accurately observed, 'cricket's Brexit'.

You can place Woakes firmly in the 'in favour but with some reservations' camp.

Concept

"We have seen how well it has worked in India and Australia and it's important we get more faces into the sport," he said.

"More kids playing the game and enjoying cricket. I think it is a great idea and a great concept."

"Although it is not going to happen until 2020, it needs to happen in this country. The game is constantly evolving and you need to keep improving it and making it attractive to the public."

"They don't want to keep paying for the same thing. It is important we don't want to stand still."

"At the same time you don't want to lose the interest in Test cricket and it just to become a T20 sport. The traditions of the game are very important."

Those Test traditions will be firmly in the spotlight later this year when England head to Australia for The Ashes.

The latest instalment of one of sport's greatest rivalries will come after a close to relentless summer which includes a series against South Africa, when Joe Root will make his debut as captain. A series against the West Indies follows.

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Sixes come so easy for O'Connor

WHITTINGTON batsman Lachlan O'Connor achieved the rare feat of six 6s in an over as he smashed 111 from just 43 balls against Rugeley.

He and Daniel Wilks (94) put on 155 for the first wicket as Hammerwich ended their 20 overs on 256-4 in the Staffs Clubs knockout competition last week. Rugeley in reply could only muster up 126-7, to lose by 130 runs.

Rugeley were let down by their batting again in the weekend's league fixtures, despite Mohammad Sultan's all-round efforts.

Sultan took 5-57 with the ball as Beacon scored 262, Roger Fildes making 59 and Dan Brosnan 51.

A half century from Sultan (55) was not enough for Rugeley, who were dismissed for 126 in 29.5 overs, Matthew Cartwright with 4-12.

Andy Malkin scored a ton (124 in 126 balls) as Hammerwich, put in by Penn, totalled 253-9, but a knock of 94 not out from Tom Nutting and 47 from Niku Lap to add to his three wickets, saw Penn home at 254-4 with one ball of their 50 overs to spare.

Whittington's O'Connor was in the runs again at the weekend with 56 off 34 balls against Walsall YFP.

James Evans hit 66 from 75 in a total of 279-8. But an unbeaten 105 from wicketkeeper Naweid Younis saw Walsall home by two wickets.

Adam Baker did the damage for Bloxwich 2nds, with 7-8 to skittle out Burntwood St Matthews for just 59. Bloxwich had little trouble winning without loss in 13 overs.

Richard Harris scored 50 as Armitage (172-5) beat Lichfield 3rds (171).

Just wait and see what I can really do – goal king Dan

FORMER Wolverhampton Sporting star Dan Westwood is determined to become a regular scorer in National League North after signing a new deal at AFC Telford United, adding: "I don't think anyone has seen the best of me yet."

The 26-year-old striker from Wednesfield netted more than 60 goals for Sporting in the West Midlands Premier last term, before jumping up four tiers to join the Bucks last season.

He was mainly used as a substitute at the end of last season but is out to prove his worth and said: "It was nice to get a taste of it towards the back end of last season but I don't think anyone has seen the best of me yet. Pre-season is a clean slate for everyone here."

"It's all about putting in the work, impressing the manager and making sure you get yourself in the team for the first game – and that's what I am going to work hard to do."

Westwood, who used to play for Willemhall-based Sporting Khalsa, reached 100 goals in just 72 games for Sporting, and was targeted by Hedgesford Town and Stafford Rangers prior to first signing for Telford.

He insists once he gets his first Bucks goal, they should come about on a consistent basis.

Team's new kit soon makes an impact



The Redhill team at Walsall's Banks's Stadium in their smart new kit

A SCHOOL football team is kitted out in a brand new strip thanks to sponsorship from a taxi firm – and they made an instant impact when they wore it for the first time.

Vic Simonczyk, proprietor of TV Taxis, has supplied the kit for the team from Redhill Primary in Chadsmoor. The sponsorship came about following an approach from Redhill's PE co-ordinator and football coach Paul Moberley.

Redhill have strong links with Walsall FC so it was fitting that the kit was worn for the first time as Redhill took part in the Walsall FC primary schools festival. The festival was played on a 4G surface at the Saddlers' Banks's Stadium.

Played in glorious sunshine, 10 schools took part. Redhill's got off to a great start by beating St Giles' 1-0 and then came from a goal behind to beat Caldmore 2-1 in game two.

Another 1-0 win followed in the third game versus Brownhills and the unbeaten run continued

FOOTBALL

with a goalless draw against King Charles Redditch. The fifth game saw Christchurch beaten 2-0 before a 2-2 draw with Rushall Primary.

Having played all these games without a break, Redhill finally had a game off before resuming against Beacon Primary.

A 0-0 draw meant Redhill had gone seven games unbeaten. Unfortunately tiredness began to tell in the last two games against Bushil Jones and Reedswood, losing 1-0 and 2-0 respectively.

Mr Moberley said: "Overall, this was a fantastic afternoon, the boys were amazing ambassadors for our school and played some great football. "The overall tally of four wins, three draws and two defeats, eight goals scored and six conceded must have put us among the best if not the best there," he added.

FABULOUS FIVE FOR CANNOCK

Aldridge 1st XI vs Cannock 1st XI
IT is now five consecutive league wins for Cannock as they swept aside Aldridge.

The visitors won the toss and elected to bat first. Adam Benton set the tone with a stunning century, his second of the season.

Benton was dismissed for 102 and James Banks made an excellent 54 as Cannock posted 281-7. The total was always out of the home side's reach and they were eventually bowled out for 171. Dan Wood was the pick of the bowlers with 3-22 and Connor Shingler took 2-7 as Cannock won by 110 runs.

Cannock 2nd XI vs Aldridge 2nd XI
Cannock were asked to bat first as they hosted Aldridge at Chase Park. It was a disappointing display from the batsmen as they subsided to 125 all out, James Boden top scoring with 22.

The visitors comfortably chased down the target within 30 overs as Shafqat Hussain scored 62 not out, helping to secure victory by nine wickets.

Cannock 3rd XI vs Fordhouses 3rd XI
An excellent bowling and fielding display allowed Cannock to dismiss the visitors for 105. Ant Wood was the pick of the bowlers with 3-13 and Lewis Smith chipped in with 2-19.

The home side's familiar batting woes returned as they collapsed to 38-8 in reply. Craig Squire scored 30 not out as Cannock inched closer to the winning total but the tail couldn't stay with him as they fell 10 runs short, bowled out for 95.

Tamworth 4th XI vs Cannock 4th XI
Captain Aaron Saunders won the toss and asked the home side to bat first. Aaron Wilkes was the pick of the bowlers with 4-48 as the home side were restricted to 161-7 from their 45 overs.

Captain Saunders scored 27 to lead the way with the bat but a steady fall of wickets meant that Tamworth were always in the game.

The match came down to Cannock's last pair, 13-year-old Max Goddard and 16-year-old Dan Simpson. Goddard hit the winning runs and finished on 13 not out, giving Cannock a thrilling victory by one wicket.

Youngsters bag funds for club



Members of Cannock Cricket Club's junior section staged a bag-packing event at Asda

YOUNG cricketers from Cannock went in to bat for shoppers – and raised vital funds for their club.

Members of Cannock Cricket Club's junior section staged a bag-packing event at Asda in

the town centre on Saturday, raising a total of £261.78.

The cash will go towards the running costs of the club, which thanked Asda for once again supporting their fundraising drive.

Walsall hit 32 in day they'll try to forget

IT was a day to forget for Walsall as they were all out for just 32 in their Premier Division clash at Shrewsbury.

No batter managed to register double figures for them at London Road as their innings came to an end in the 21st over.

James Middleton and Billy-J Cox – both six – were their top scorers.

Both Dannyjo Cox and Sivakumar Duwarapu were out for ducks. The hosts, top of the table, made short work of getting the win, ending 33-1 in the fifth over – Paul Byrne getting Walsall's wicket. They are seventh after the loss.

One place above are West Bromwich Dartmouth, who lost by five wickets against Ombersley.

Matthew Kleirveldt smashed a ton as Wolverhampton got a winning draw against Barnet Green.

He got 142, including 19 boundaries, to help them finish 315-5. Barnet Green ended up 282-7 in response.

Kidderminster remain in the bottom two after losing by four wickets at Knowle & Dorridge, despite opener Craig Wood managing a stunning 160 runs.

Himley are up to fourth in Division One following a triumph by four wickets at Shifnal. Slipping down two places – from fourth to sixth – were Smethwick, who lost by four wickets at Walmley.

Fordhouses are going strong in Division Two. They beat Old Hill by two wickets and are second in the table – 19 points behind top-of-the-table Oswestry.

Wombourne are third but lost to Hale-sowen, by two wickets.

Penkridge remain in the bottom two after losing by 35 runs to Oswestry.

C&R Hawks beat Old Elizabethans by 29 runs.

In Division Three, Stourbridge are just four points off table-toppers Lichfield after a comprehensive win by 143 runs at Milford Hall.

Pitmen swoop for ex-Benfica goalie

HEDNESFORD Town have snapped up ex-Benfica keeper Jose Vieira in a player/ goalkeeping coach role – but defender Darren Campion has left the club.

The 40-year-old Vieira has a wealth of experience having started his career in Portugal with Benfica in 1995 before arriving at Tamworth 11 years later.

The Cape Verde international was most recently with Rushall Olympic.

Left-back Campion leaves following a change in his work commitments. Manager Neil Toot said: "Camps is gutted, and it is a blow for our preparations. The door will always be open for him."

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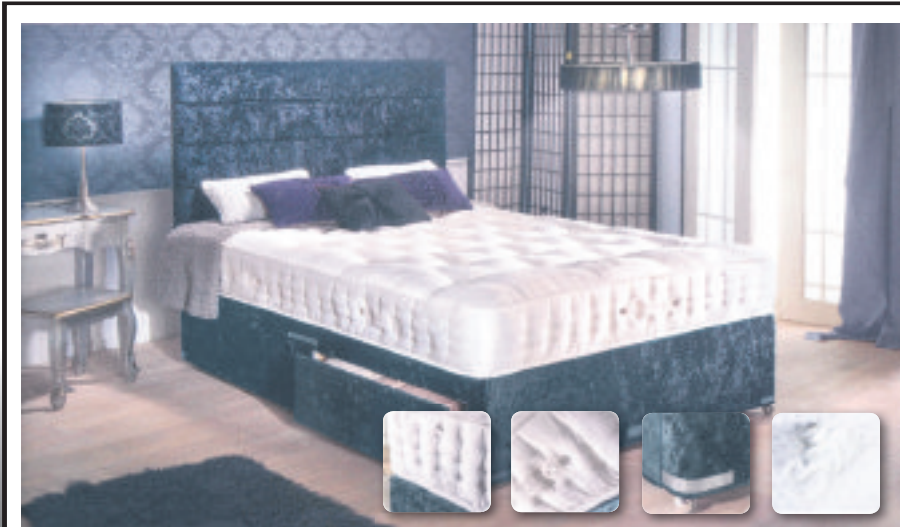


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